

ODAWA TRAILS

FROM THE DESK OF THE TRIBAL CHAIRMAN DEXTER MCNAMARA

PASSAGE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA)

On February 28, 2013, in a historic vote, the House of Representatives passed S.47, the Senate reauthorization of the Violence against Women Act (VAWA), sending the legislation with tribal provisions supported by the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) to President Barack Obama's desk to be signed into law. NCAI praised the efforts of the House and the Senate to reauthorize VAWA and the bipartisan support of the Senate version of the legislation in both chambers with resounding votes of 286-138 in the House and a 78-22 vote in the Senate earlier in the year. The drums beat loudly on this day. For an unimaginable length of time, those who have terrorized our women in our most sacred places, in our relationships, in our homes, and on our land, have gone unprosecuted. Now, that time has come to an end, and justice and security will flourish.

There was a bigger moment yet to come.



Obama Administration to celebrate the reauthorization of VAWA.

Before signing the bill into law, President Obama stood on the stage and said, "Indian country has some of the highest rates of domestic abuse in America. And, one of the reasons is that when Native American women are abused on tribal lands by an attacker who is not Native American, the attacker is immune from prosecution by Tribal Courts." In listening to our president with a sincere tone in his voice and as I was sitting there looking around the room, he said, "Well, as soon as I sign this bill, that ends. Tribal governments have an inherent right to protect their people, and all women deserve the right to live free from fear. And, that is what today is all about. Today represents a historic moment in the nation-to-nation relationships between tribes and the federal government. Now, that the tribal provisions have been enacted and protection for all women reauthorized, justice can march forward."

We as tribal leaders have much work to do to ensure our citizens are protected from these violent crimes. March 7th, 2013 was a great day because it marked the beginning of justice and the end to injustice that had gone unanswered for too long Migwech.

U.S. SENATOR DEBBIE STABENOW/STATE REPRESENTATIVE DAN BENISHEK

EAGLE FEATHERS/PARTS USE AND POSSESSION

While I was still in Washington D.C., I visited the office of U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (Michigan) and also had a conversation with State Representative Dan Benishek (Michigan). My introductory conversation consisted of the bald eagle, "Migizi," which is a highly respected and significant cultural species to many Native American tribes, including the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. Preserving this highly revered and significant cultural species for the next seven generations is a high priority for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

LTBB has spent a considerable amount of time and resources monitoring and managing its bald eagles. LTBB feels very strongly about the preservation and protection of the bald eagle as well as the right of tribal citizens to possess and use eagle feathers and their parts for culturally significant purposes. LTBB is well aware of the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) recently adopted eagle feather and use policy and the long-standing Department of Interior (DOI) "Morton" Policy.

LTBB is appreciative of the efforts of the DOJ and DOI, but feel those policies and the current federal regulations do not live up to or adequately reflect the intent of the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act. LTBB is asking legislation be developed to support tribal self-determination and

the open use of eagle and non-eagle raptor feather (s) and/or parts by members of federally recognized tribes. The tribe has enacted Eagle Protection Statute or Regulations. Recently, I had a conversation with Representative Benishek, and he told me he is working on legislative language, so, hopefully, our tribe may soon have access to its own repository.

We continue to have talks on Asian Carp, and now, I have grave concern over our low lake levels.

VISIT TO NEW COVENANT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IN LANSING, MI

Earlier in the year, I was asked by LTBB Tribal Citizen Steve Sochay, an instructor at the New Covenant Christian School in Lansing, MI, if I would do a presentation to his Government Class. Tribal Administrator Albert Colby, Jr. and I were in Lansing, MI, so we accommodated his request on February 21, 2013. We shared a rather wide range of topics such as sovereignty, the historical and legal relationship between tribes and the United States government, tribal governments, our government and how our government is set up to function, current issues such as the proposed casino in Mackinaw City, MI, my role in the Executive Branch and what some of the functions that I have worked with are. We answered questions from the



students and faculty and did film presentations of the "Journey to Sovereignty," "The Four Directions" and "The Waganakising Odawa."

NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES GAIN DIRECT ROUTE TO DISASTER FUNDS

The new law providing federal disaster aid for victims of Super Storm Sandy includes a provision which makes it easier for Native American tribes to access recovery aid. The provision gives tribal governments the option of applying directly to the president for emergency aid or applying through governors of their states as they must do now. The change was sought by tribal governments and supported by the Obama Administration.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Administrator Craig Fugate applauded the Sandy Recovery Improvement Act of 2013 for amending the Stafford Act to grant tribes this additional option by saying, "This amendment to the Stafford Act follows on the President's commitments to Indian country, strengthens the government-to-government relationship between FEMA and federally recognized tribes, and will enhance the way FEMA supports tribal communities before, during and after disasters."

PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED MACKINAW CITY CASINO TO BE HELD APRIL 23, 2013

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PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA SIGNS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT INTO LAW

I, as your tribal leader, celebrated the protections for all women on this historic day by being present to witness this great event in Washington, D.C. on March 7th, 2013. There were tears during this time of joy, and the beginning of justice. There was a standing ovation for approximately five minutes. Native women, tribal leaders, women's rights advocates and survivors of domestic abuse joined President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden that day along with members of Congress and the



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Being Odawa is all about Freedom
The freedom to be a part of a people, who with integrity and pride, still have and speak our language. The freedom in common with all other Odawak the customs, culture and spirituality of our ancestors. The freedom we have today we will bring to the future through unity, education, justice, communication and planning. We will reach out to the next seven generations by holding to cultural values of Wisdom, Love, Respect, Bravery, Honesty, Humility and Truth. We will utilize our tribal assets to provide the necessary tools to become successful, hard-working community members who proudly represent our culture. With these values we will move the tribe forward.

Anishinaabemowin Interpretation of the LTBB Mission Statement

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The Communications Department welcomes submissions for our "Lines From Our Membership" section of the newsletter, but we cannot run anything political in nature or expressing an opinion due to a long-standing department policy. Because we have a newsletter and not a newspaper, we do not have an editorial page. We reserve the right to edit any material submitted for space and content.

The deadline for the June 2013 issue of *Odawa Trails* is April 29, 2013.

You can e-mail, fax or call your submissions in to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov, fax them to 231-242-1430 or call them in at 231-242-1427 or 231-242-1429. Please only call in your submissions if they are short. We also welcome comments, suggestions and story ideas.

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Miss Odawa 2013 to be crowned at the Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow Saturday August 10th, 2013



MIS - MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

MEET MIS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT MARIN BERTRAM



agement Information Systems (MIS) Department on March 18, 2013.

Bertram, who grew up in Alanson, MI, and graduated from Alanson Public Schools, previously worked at Odawa Hotel in Petoskey, MI, at the front desk. She is pursuing her Associate degree in Business Administration at North Central Michigan College and plans on attending Lake Superior State University to pursue her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

"I thought it was best to get my Business Administration degree because it will work for

several different career fields," Bertram said. "I was interested in getting into an office setting and gaining experience."

Her grandparents are Edwin and Janet (Adams) Sagataw, both LTBB Tribal Citizens, and her mother is Lila Bertram, a LTBB Tribal Citizen. She has a boyfriend, Kevin Taylor, and two siblings, Aaron Bertram and Chris Bertram, both LTBB Tribal Citizens.

She enjoys reading books on her Kindle, going to the beach and swimming.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

ROUND DANCE

Bring Your Hand Drums

Public Welcome

Monday, May 13, 2013
5:30-8p.m.

During Community Craft Night & Potluck

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ELDERS PROGRAM

MEET ELDERS OUTREACH ASSISTANT JOAN TEPKEAH JACOBS



Prior to working for LTBB, she and her husband, Joe, moved to the Northern Michigan area from Port Huron, MI, where she was employed at the school district working with special needs students and assisting with teaching responsibilities. She earned an Associate degree in Applied Arts and Science, Administrative Medical Assistant with a certification as a Clerical Specialist from St. Clair County Community College where she was on the Presidential Honor Roll throughout college.

She and her husband, Joe, have seven children and six grandchildren. She loves being a grandmother, and her grandchildren are the most precious

gifts from the Creator. Her husband served as a firefighter for 30 years. While on duty, he almost lost his life. She took care of her husband and nursed her firefighting hero back to health. He is currently employed at Odawa Casino in Petoskey, MI, as a shuttle driver.

She was a member of the Port Huron Township Recreational Board, is a traditional dancer and has assisted as Vice Chair with many pow wows in Michigan. She enjoys nature, working with children and learning our ancestral culture. She loves to sew and make crafts.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

LTBB Tribal Citizen Joan Tepkeah Jacobs recently started as the Elders Outreach Assistant in the Elders Program. She previously worked in the Tribal Court as the Court Clerk I.



HEALTH DEPARTMENT

CALL HOSPICE OF MICHIGAN WHEN THE FOCUS CHANGES FROM CURE TO CARE

Submitted by Jeanne Marriott, Hospice of Michigan, Gaylord Office

As a caregiver or someone who is dealing with a life-ending disease, have you wondered about hospice services? Who? What? Where? When?!? Some comforting news is that you now have a wonderful resource available to answer these questions. Hospice of Michigan (HOM), a national leader in end of life care, is partnering with the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians to help bring peace and dignity to a difficult transition.



The best answer? Call HOM (pronounced like the word "home.") When the focus for yourself or a loved one turns from curing to caring, that's when you know it's time. It's a call that should be made upon the realization that there is only so much sacred time left, and maybe the healing should focus on reconciliation within a person or a family system or a community. Call HOM when the caregiver is worn out and needs support. Call HOM when the patient and caregiver(s) are prepared to embrace the circle of life, and want to make the most of every last minute.

As a consequence of medical advancements throughout the past 50-75 years, the amount of time we live with progressive and eventually fatal illnesses has been prolonged. The downside to that scenario is the period of dependence on others can be quite lengthy, and caregivers are often older as well.

Adding to this, many people now live into adulthood before experiencing the death of a significant other. This renders them less prepared in the care of the dying and for coping with loss. The HOM team is here to help with end of life issues, to empower the caregiver(s), to ensure dignity for the patient and to maximize the Quality of Life of this caring unit by providing support and education on the physical, spiritual, emotional and social

components of life. When we come into this world, we aren't alone – when we leave, we should have a team of support, too.

The hospice movement developed in the United States in the 1970's and came to Michigan in 1980. It was started as a grassroots effort by caregivers and clinicians who envisioned better care and support for those at end of life. Staying true to those roots, Hospice of Michigan is one of the largest non-profit hospice providers in the country and is focused on ensuring the best possible quality of life, comfort and peace of mind for our patients while at the same time providing support for their loved ones during the illness and helping them through their grief over the following year after a death.

Hospice care is a benefit that, since 1981, is predominately paid for by Medicare – there should never be any out of pocket costs for in home hospice services to a patient or their family. As a non-profit hospice provider, Hospice of Michigan offers open access, which means regardless of a person's ability to pay – if they don't have Medicare or healthcare coverage – HOM will not deny them service, and that service they do receive will be carried out in the same manner as we serve all of our families.

It is also important to remember it is your legal right to choose your hospice – if someone tells you that you must call a certain hospice or says they will make the call and have a hospice provider come to talk to you ... keep in mind you have a choice. You may want to interview a couple of providers – ask them if they have nurses in your area; if they have an extended coverage team available around the clock who are clinical team members – not a staffing agency. Ask if they have a 24/7 call center staffed by full-time hospice professionals, including nurses and social workers, so your questions can be answered immediately. If you are not satisfied with the hospice care you are receiving, you have the right to switch hospice providers.

The HOM team has materials available to help patients and caregivers face their challenging transition. Our Caregiver Kit helps those entrusted to care for another at end of life to better understand their role and offers tips to make things somewhat easier and more manageable.

To get any of these materials or to talk to someone about the HOM team and how we can help you in your need, call the HOM Care Center at 1-888-247-5701 or visit www.hom.org.

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We are working towards providing services and information that will keep our infants, women and families in the best of health. There are no income guidelines to determine eligibility. We hope our services will reach any woman who will be bringing an Anishinaabe baby into this world. Our program is designed to provide services needed to both mom and newborn up to the age of two years.

Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid is designed to complement, not replace prenatal, postpartum and pediatric medical care. In addition to providing support and education during pregnancy, there is also a focus on helping women become and stay healthy before and between pregnancies. We affirm the sacred role of women in the community as givers of life and promote understanding of the importance of family well-being and the health of women throughout the lifespan.

For more information on Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid, please call: Mina Mskiki Gumik ~ Tina Shawano at 231-242-1614 or Trista Paone, Outreach Worker, Teen Pregnancy Prevention and Assistance, at 231-242-1721.

We now have a Certified Lactation Counselor on the Maternal Child Health Staff, Trista Paone RN, CLC. If you have any questions, needs or issues with breast feeding your baby, please don't hesitate to call her at 231-242-1721.



LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES

Transportation is available to medical appointments only.

You must exhaust all other means available to you, i.e. Friendship Center Bus, Straits Regional Transit, Char/Em Transit, Taxi or Family.

Clients of the Little Traverse Bay Bands Health Department must notify the Community Health Department 72 hours prior to their appointments.

Transportation is based on availability.

Call 231-242-1601 to set up a ride as soon as possible.

Miigwech!

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Community Health Staff

MICHIGAN INDIAN LAND CLAIMS SETTLEMENT CERTIFICATE REDEMPTION UPDATE

Submitted by the Trust Fund Board

It has been more than a decade since the original Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement certificates were issued.

All adults have been paid or they have deferred payment to a later date, however, tribal children who were enrolled before December 16, 1997 but had not yet turned 18 are still in the process of redeeming their certificates.

The following steps are intended to aid in this process. Redeeming certificates from the Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 105-143, are as follows:

1. Determine your eligibility: Tribal citizens who were enrolled, but had not reached the age of 18 on December 16, 1997 are eligible to redeem their certificates upon reaching the age of 18.

2. Sign your certificates with a notary: The tribal citizen redeeming his or her certificates must have a notarized signature.

3. Copy two pieces of identification: One piece of identification (e.g. Driver's license) must have a picture, and the second piece needs at least your signature.

4. Mail your signed certificates, the mailing address you would like your check sent to and two pieces of identification to the following address

Note: The address on the certificates is not correct:

LTBB Trust Fund Board
7500 Odawa Circle

Harbor Springs, MI 49740

If you have lost your certificates or need further assistance, call Trust Fund Board Member Steve Schmidt at 734-717-4406.

NEWS FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

There are two new faces down in our Substance Abuse/Mental Health Department, Kelly Ingelson and Russell Wood. Kelly and Russ are our new Master Level Counselors. Welcome to both of them!

May is National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month. May is a peak season for asthma and allergy sufferers and therefore, a perfect time to educate the public about these diseases.

If you have asthma, indoor allergens and irritants play a significant role in triggering asthma attacks. Triggers are things which can cause asthma symptoms, an episode or attack or even make asthma worse. If you have asthma, be sure to work with your doctor to identify triggers and develop a treatment plan which includes ways to reduce exposures to your asthma triggers.

According to the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA) an estimated 50 million Americans suffer from all types of allergies (one in five Americans), including indoor/outdoor, food & drug, latex, insect, skin and eye allergies. There are no cures for allergies, however, allergies can be managed with proper prevention and treatment. Talk to your doctor



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about ways to manage your allergies. Also, if you have severe allergies and are at risk for anaphylaxis, remember to check the expiration date on your Epi-Pen and renew before the expiration date, so you will always be protected!

This year, our Annual Health Fair will be held on August 9, 2013. We are in the very beginning stages of planning, so look for more information to come.

Also, don't forget the Health Department will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2013 for Memorial Day. You can be prepared for this closing by calling your prescription renewals into the Health Clinic at 231-242-1700 or your prescription refills into Contract Health at 231-242-1600 on the Friday (May 24, 2013) before the closing.

Courtesy graphic.

JOIN LTBB'S TRIBE TO TRIBE WALKING CHALLENGE TEAM AND HELP LTBB EARN FUNDS

LTBB finished second in last year's Tribe to Tribe Walking Challenge, winning \$1,500 from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. The funds from Blue Cross were used to purchase incentive awards for those who participated in the Tribe to Tribe Challenge as well as a few prizes in the Community Walking Challenge. Forty percent

of the LTBB walkers in last year's Tribe to Tribe Walking Challenge were in the top 10% of the challenge - more than any other participating tribe. Join the fun this year and help LTBB earn grant money! Please contact Health Educator Regina Brubacker-Carver at 231-242-1664 with any questions or for more information.



**Blue Cross
Blue Shield**
of Michigan

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Michigan Tribes,

March 25, 2013

We're pleased to announce the dates of the Grand Traverse Band of Chippewa and Ottawa Indians' 7th Annual Statewide, Tribe-to-Tribe walking challenge! This year's nine week challenge kicks-off Monday, May 6, 2013 and runs through Monday, July 8th 2013. As is tradition, we will celebrate our wellness efforts and reveal winners at the Michigan Indian Family Olympics on July 26th.

GTB and the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan are also excited to confirm that for the second year running Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan will sponsor our contest by offering community wellness grants to ALL tribal communities that participate, dollar amounts relative to their placement in the challenge. Additionally, the Blues are providing individual participant milestone incentives throughout the program.

Congratulations to the 2012 top three tribes the Nottawaseppi Band of Huron Potawatomi (1st Place); the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians (2nd Place); and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (3rd Place)! With this year's enhanced support we'd love to have ALL tribal organizations compete this year, so if your tribe has not participated in the past, please accept our sincere invitation to join now.

Complete details are coming soon, but for now we encourage you to start building your walking teams (10+ walkers) and sharing the excitement! BCBSM is once again offering its free online activity tool - **WalkingWorks** - to assist in tracking each participant's miles of walking. The ITCM will host a webinar in the near future to train team coordinators in using the online tool. An email with webinar registration will be sent out shortly along with dial-in information and link.

Interested and up to "the Challenge?" Please e-mail Cathy Ederly at the Inter-Tribal Council to register your tribe **by Friday, April 10 @ cedgerly@itcmi.org**. Unfortunately, if your intent to participate in not received by this time, it is possible you will not be able to participate this year.

Cathy Ederly, Program Manager, ITCM

C: Shelley DuFort, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Dee Wonegeshik, Grand Traverse Band

2956 Ashmun Street/ Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 / Phone: (906) 632-6896 / Fax: 906-632-1810

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DON'T WAIT FOR A SHUT OFF NOTICE!! WE MAY BE ABLE TO HELP YOU NOW!

The Human Services Department currently has LIEAP (Low Income Energy Assistance Program) funds available to qualifying LTBB Tribal Citizens. Community Services Block Grant and Emergency funds are also available. There is also window plastic available for LTBB Tribal Citizens in need. Please go to <http://tinyurl.com/lbbhelp> or contact the Human Services Department at 231-242-1620.



LTBB

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Are you a tribal citizen who would like to:

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Gain experience in several fields?

**Apply today to join our LTBB
Temporary Worker pool!**

Temporary assignments can last one day or as long as a month or more. Contact the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Human Resources Department today!

Call: 231-242-1563



**DO YOU QUALIFY
FOR THE LTBB
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DISTRIBUTION
PROGRAM?**

Please call our office to see if we are able to help you!

Call Monday - Friday

8 am to 5 pm at 231-242-1620.

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE POLICY, THIS INSTITUTION IS PROHIBITED FROM DISCRIMINATING ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, AGE, RELIGION, POLITICAL BELIEFS, OR DISABILITY. TO FILE A COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION, WRITE USDA, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS, ROOM 326-W, WHITTEN BUILDING 1400 INDEPENDENCE AVENUE, S.W. WASHINGTON D.C. 20250-9410, OR CALL (202) 702-5964 (VOICE AND TDD). USDA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER.

2013 Hunter Safety and IBEP Certification Class

The class is a combo class. Upon successful completion of the class, you will receive a Hunter Safety Certification as well as International Bow Education Program Certification.

The following classes will be held at the LTBB Governmental Center
Monday, June 10th from 6-9 PM
Wednesday, June 12th from 6-9 PM
Friday, June 14th from 6-9 PM

The final class will be held at the Harbor Springs Outdoors Club
Saturday, June 15th from 9 AM to 4 PM



For more information,
Contact

Roger Willis at
231-242-1674
or e-mail

rwillis@lbbodawa-nsn.gov

Interested in working for LTBB?

Jobs are updated daily at
www.lbbodawa-nsn.gov

Job Hotline toll free 1-866-582-2562

Submit your applications, resumes, and cover letters:

- In person at our LTBB Human Resources office
- E-mail: hr@lbbodawa-nsn.gov
- Mail to LTBB Human Resources, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Questions? Please contact the Human Resources Department at 231-242-1563.



HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

EMMET COUNTY FOOD PANTRIES

ALANSON CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
4-5:30PM WEDNESDAYS
7489 MISSION RD., ALANSON, MI
231-548-5462

NORTHRIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
ALANSON, MI
DELIVERY SERVICE AVAILABLE, CALL
231-548-5836

PETOSKEY CHURCH OF CHRIST
12:30-1:30PM FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAYS
1727 ANDERSON RD., PETOSKEY, MI
231-347-0210

BAY SHORE PANTRY
NOON-3PM SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAYS
06072 US 31 NORTH, BAY SHORE, MI
231-347-3618

HARBOR SPRINGS COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY
9:30AM-NOON MONDAYS

HOLY CHILDHOOD OF JESUS CHURCH
COMMUNITY BUILDING
150 WEST MAIN ST.
HARBOR SPRINGS, MI, ENTER THROUGH
DOUBLE DOORS ON THIRD ST.

THE MANNA FOOD PROJECT PANTRY
9AM-NOON TUESDAYS; CALL FOR
EMERGENCIES
8791 McBRIDE PARK COURT
HARBOR SPRINGS, MI
231-347-8852

PELLSTON GRACE COMMUNITY
5:30-6:30PM WEDNESDAYS
161 US 31, PELLSTON, MI
231-539-8570

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
9AM-NOON WEDNESDAYS MEAL PROVIDED
11:30AM-12:30PM MONDAYS
308 MONROE ST., PETOSKEY, MI
231-347-6181

SALVATION ARMY PETOSKEY CORPS
9AM-NOON MONDAY-FRIDAY
712 PLEASANT ST., PETOSKEY, MI
231-347-3531

ST. FRANCIS/BROTHER DAN'S FOOD PANTRY
9AM-NOON TUESDAYS; CALL FOR
EMERGENCIES
MEAL PROVIDED NOON-1PM TUESDAYS
415 STATE ST., PETOSKEY, MI
231-347-7423

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BOYNE CITY COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY
10AM-NOON FIRST MONDAY;
5-7PM THIRD MONDAY
401 STATE ST., BOYNE CITY, MI
231-582-2551

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
6-8PM MONDAYS;
10AM-NOON WEDNESDAYS
326 PARK ST., BOYNE CITY, MI
231-582-0151

JORDAN RIVER RISING CHURCH
457 WATER ST., EAST JORDAN, MI
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
CALL 231-735-6920

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6-7PM FIRST AND THIRD
THURSDAYS; CALL FOR EMERGENCIES
05855 M-66 NORTH,
CHARLEVOIX, MI
231-547-4300

THIRD DAY FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH
2PM AND 6PM
MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS
1204 BRIDGE ST., CHARLEVOIX, MI
231-547-8040

CHARLEVOIX WALLOON LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH
5-6:15PM SECOND AND
FOURTH TUESDAYS
4320 M-75, WALLOON LAKE, MI
231-535-2288

CHARLEVOIX COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY
10AM-NOON AND
5:30-7:30PM MONDAYS;
10AM-1PM THURSDAYS
100 WEST HURLBUT ST.
CHARLEVOIX, MI
231-237-9490

CARE & SHARE FOOD PANTRY
3-6PM TUESDAYS;
9AM-NOON THURSDAYS
ARRIVE AT LEAST 15 MINUTES
PRIOR TO CLOSING TO BE SERVED.
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BOYNE VALLEY PANTRY
2-5PM THURSDAYS
3031MAIN ST., BOYNE FALLS, MI
231-549-2230

EMMET/CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SOUP KITCHENS

ALANSON CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
4-5:30PM WEDNESDAYS
7489 MISSION RD., ALANSON, MI
231-548-5462

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PETOSKEY
NOON-1PM THURSDAYS AND SUNDAYS
501 EAST MITCHELL ST., PETOSKEY, MI
231-347-4792

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
11AM-1PM MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS
202 WEST HURLBUT ST., CHARLEVOIX, MI
231-547-2875

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH OF CHARLEVOIX
BREAKFAST SERVED EVERY TUESDAY & FRIDAY
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231-547-9482

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Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Commission, Board and Committee Vacancies

Current Vacancies:

Commission/Board	Term	Vacancies/Terms Ending
Child Welfare	3 yr. term	4
Economic Development	3 yr. term	3
Housing	4 yr. term	3
Trust Fund Board	4 yr. term	5
Liquor, Tobacco and Licensing Board	1, 2, 3 yr. term	3
Zoning Board of Appeals	1, 2, 3 yr. term	3
Waganakising Odawa Development, Inc.	3 yr. term	1
Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc.	3 yr./5 yr. term	2
Odawa Fishery, Inc.	3 yr.term	3

The following information is provided for Tribal Members who are seeking nominations for an appointment to an LTBB Commission, Board and/or Committee. Those interested, please submit a letter of interest along with your resume to:
Tribal Chairman
LTBB of Odawa Indians
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49770
Phone (231) 242-1418 Fax (231) 242-1411
Email: chairman@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

The Executive Office notifies applicants when letter and resume are received. The Chairman's nominations are forwarded to Tribal Council. Thereafter, the Legislative Office handles all interview scheduling and correspondence for the Commissions or Boards, for the position vacancies.
The Executive office is also accepting resumes for nominations for the appointed positions of:
Judicial Postings:
Appellate Judge, 6 year term, expiring April 17, 2017
Powers, Jurisdiction, Eligibility, Terms, see Article IX of The Constitution of the LTBB of Odawa Indians. Refer to the WOS 2010-016 Constitutionally Mandated Compensation Statute for Judges and Justices for compensation.
Associate Judge, 4 year term, expiring February 20, 2016
Powers, Jurisdiction, Eligibility, Terms, see Article IX of The Constitution of the LTBB of Odawa Indians. Refer to the WOS 2010-016 Constitutionally Mandated Compensation Statute for Judges and Justices for compensation.

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE!

We invite the tribal community to contact us for more details!
If you are interested, please contact the Human Services Department at
231-242-1620

Moving?

If you move, please contact the Enrollment Office and we will send you an address verification form.
Forms are also available at www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov. Click on Offices/Government Center/Enrollment Department and click on the appropriate form. The adult form must be printed on legal size paper and the minor form on letter size paper. We will continue to add forms there in the future.
It is the responsibility of the parent, guardian or custodial parent to complete an address verification form.
If you are a custodial parent, please provide proof by documentation.
Once a minor turns 18, you must contact the Enrollment Office and complete an address verification form or we will mark you as undeliverable.
If you are incarcerated and would like to continually receive the newsletter, you must keep your address current.
Towards the end of the year, we will notify you for purposes of the per capita payment.
Adult verification form must be witnessed.
Minor verification form must be notarized.

Contact Enrollment Assistant Linda Gokee at 231-242-1521 or Enrollment Officer Pauline Boulton at 231-242-1520.

Weekend Urgent Care Alternative!

Quick Care Family Medical Center
116 W. Mitchell Street Petoskey, MI 49770
231-348-2828

McLaren NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL
416 Connable Avenue Petoskey, MI 49770
1-800-248-6777

Quick Care can be utilized when immediate attention is needed for an urgent, but not life-threatening condition, and the LTBB Health Clinic in Petoskey, MI, is closed.
When using Quick Care, you are required to call LTBB Contract Health at 231-242-1600. Notice must be received within 72 hours of the visit. LTBB Elders have 30 days to notify Contract Health.

Notice: Up North Medical Center, also known as Boyne Country Urgent Care, located on M-119 in Harbor Springs, MI, is no longer open after hours or on weekends, so LTBB is no longer using it as an urgent care facility. After hours and weekend emergency treatment can be obtained at Quick Care Family Medical Center, McLaren Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey, MI or Charlevoix Area Hospital in Charlevoix, MI.

Charlevoix Area Hospital
14700 Lake Shore Drive,
Charlevoix, MI 49720
231-547-4024

CARING NATIVE FOSTER PARENTS ENSURE OUR CHILDREN LEARN OUR CULTURE AND TRADITIONS

Submitted by the Human Services Department



The placement of Native American children in Native American foster homes is essential in preserving the Native American culture as well as honoring and protecting the children of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. According to the 2012 W.K. Kellogg Foundation, nationwide, and in Michigan, there is a critical shortage of foster homes for Native American children. Even though the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) protects tribal rights in overseeing their children's needs for emergency protection or long-term out-of-home placement, there often is no practical community place for children to go. The Indian Child Welfare Act requires Native American children are placed in the following order: (i) A member of the Indian child's extended family; (ii) A foster home licensed, approved or specified by the Indian child's tribe; (iii) An Indian foster home licensed or approved by an authorized non-Indian licensing authority or (iv) An institution for children approved by an Indian tribe or operated by an Indian organization

Native American homes.

In 2012, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Department of Human Services worked with seven foster care youth, monitored 20 county/states cases all in the United States, 21 family preservation cases and investigated 190-plus child protective services calls. The department and the Child Welfare Commission currently licenses six foster homes. Five of those homes are local, and one is in Lower Michigan. The department has the capability to license off the historical reservation, but is need of families willing to make the commitment.

The department desires to keep families together, promoting preservation services prior to out of home placement. In comparing data, preservation has been successful. Unfortunately, preservation is not always successful and requires the department to place children out of home. These types of placements need families to volunteer to open their homes and hearts to the at-risk children of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Recruitment efforts thus far have been: Banners, massive mailing, phone calls, brochures and advertisement.

Though some have reached out and requested packages, the department is still in need. To obtain and maintain a foster home license, the department does a Central Registry Clearance, Criminal History check and FBI fingerprints. The licensee is required to submit three references, a medical clearance and allow a home study to take place within their



home. The children of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians need your help to recruit families to protect and honor the youth of the community.

If you or anyone you know may be interested or thinking about becoming a foster parent, please call Lisa Tollenaar at 231-242-1630.

Courtesy photos.

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

GRANT-FUNDED SERVICES PROVIDED BY LTBB

This is the first of a series of articles highlighting grants the LTBB Departments and Programs currently receive, the services they provide and eligibility requirements.

Human Services

Office of Violence Against Women Tribal Government Grant

Submitted by Keely Frye, Victim Advocate

The LTBB Department of Human Services received a grant from the Office of Violence Against Women, which has helped the tribe to create a Victim Support Services Unit within the LTBB DHS office as of the end of January 2013. We will provide identified services for survivors of domestic/dating abuse, stalking and sexual abuse.

All Native Americans regardless of age, tribal affiliation, including descendants are eligible for services as are non-Native intimate partners of Native Americans and their children. In the last five months, Victim Support Services/ LTBB DHS have helped 21 women and their families with victim services.

Domestic abuse encompasses violent acts, threats, intimidation, financial exploitation as well as verbal and emotional abuse from an intimate partner. An intimate partner can include same sex partners, transgendered people or a family member.

Stalking is an act of steady harassment with persistent, inappropriate and unwanted attention by a stranger, acquaintance or former/current intimate partner.

Sexual abuse is defined as incest, sexually touching (including kissing), forced exposure to sexual images or sex acts, sexual threats or sexual exploitation of another (i.e.: The abuser demands sex for the victim to receive food or forces victim to prostitute).

Victim Support Services will be provided primarily Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and may include the following:

- Transportation assistance (non-emergency)
- Emergency food vouchers
- Relocation assistance
- Clothing/toiletries
- Advocacy and referrals for individual needs
- Court accompaniment (state, federal or tribal)
- Assistance with Personal Protection Orders (county and tribal)
- Victim Support Services at LTBB DHS also

maintains a limited supply of emergency items.

These services are subject to change over time as we at Victim Support Services continue to develop policies and procedures.

If we cannot provide a service directly, we will work with LTBB and community resources to find the best service provider. As the victim advocate, I will follow up on the client's well-being with his or her permission to support him or her and offer further assistance.

Anytime someone calls or discloses to you they want to leave an abusive situation, immediately please direct them to call the Women's Resource Center on its 24/7 hotline at 1-800-275-1995. They know the questions to ask to maintain safety and have a directory of shelters to help those who live locally as well as outside our local area for emergency safety issues.

Many Native women and families have utilized the Women's Resource Center Safe home and free counseling services. The center will provide information regarding Victim Support Services to anyone who fits the aforementioned eligibility requirements, so the client can contact us directly for further support. Victim Support Services was created to bring enhanced victim services to Native Americans, not to duplicate the Women's Resource Center's services.

Feel free to contact me or have the person in need call directly for Victim Support Services at 231-242-1629 during business hours.

The Abuse In Later Life Grant

Submitted by Pam Luce, Project Coordinator

The Abuse In Later Life (A.L.L.) grant is through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women. LTBB received the grant award in October 2012. Pam Luce was hired and began work as the A.L.L. Grant Project Coordinator the first week of January 2013. Pam joined a group of LTBB representatives - Tammy Okuly-Shananaquet - Elders Outreach Coordinator, Jeff Cobe- Tribal Chief of Police, Matt Lesky-Tribal Prosecutor and Denneen Smith- Director of the Department of Human Services, at the initial grantee training in Alexandria, VA.

The purpose of the A.L.L. grant is to create awareness, education, systemic change, prevention and intervention services for elder abuse. Elder abuse takes many forms - physical, emotional and sexual abuse, neglect and exploitation. For the pur-

"Grant Services" continued on page 9.

GIVE A KID A CHANCE!

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Human Services Department is in need of foster parents!!!

Our Native children need Native foster families to care for them, ensuring that they embrace our culture and are given a chance to grow in our community.

If you have the time and desire to be a foster parent for our youth, please contact Human Services at 231-242-1620.



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1011 US-31 N
Petoskey, MI 49770
231-347-8281

"Grant Services" continued from page 8.

pose of this grant, elder victims and survivors are considered both men and women over the age of 50.

The A.L.L. grant is a three-year project which is split into two parts. Phase One is the planning phase. During this stage, grant activities will include surveys of elders



and service providers, addressing needs for statutes, policies and procedures and collaborative services related to elder abuse, neglect and exploitation, and a number of trainings - both locally and on the national level. A grant Coordinated Community Response Team has been formed to carry-out and oversee these activities together with the Project Coordinator.

Following submission and approval of an Outreach and Services Strategic Plan, Phase Two will begin Direct Victim Services. Phase Two will include additional trainings and public awareness activities.

Pictured left to right in the photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar are Project Coordinator Pam Luce, Project Coordinator Stacey Ettawageshik and Victim Advocate Keely Frye.

Community Health

MNO ODE- Healthy Heart

This has been a fun and full year for Healthy Heart; we currently have 39 active participants in our program. We are active in many activities which the tribal community has.



Our goal is to reduce your chances of getting heart disease. Our programs offer help with learning new ways to live a balanced, healthy active life. You

receive professional medical and nutritional advice from people who truly care about you and your family.

Mno Ode offers intensive case management of your diabetes which includes education on heart health. We emphasize weight loss and healthy eating (Home Grown project, canning classes along with physical activity programs such as swimming, biking, gym memberships, etc.) geared to your personal needs as well as the needs of



Diane Bott, Healthy Heart Specialist

Hello, my name is Diane Bott, I have been employed with the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Health Department for almost two years, and I work with the Mno Ode (Healthy Heart) program. Our program is designed to work with 18 years and older tribal citizens with diabetes. I've been a nurse for more than 30 years, mostly in hospital emergency room (trauma) settings. It's an honor to be working for LTBB, and I love working with the tribal citizens of LTBB. I'm married to John Bott. We have three wonderful sons, John, Jr. (Shellie), Blayne (Sara) and Barry (Al-isha), all are tribal citizens, and we have seven beautiful grandchildren, six granddaughters and one grandson. The best part of my job is working hand and hand with our tribal people.



Pregnancy Assistance Fund for Teens
Submitted by Trista Paone, RN

This project focuses on teen pregnancy assistance and prevention and is a cooperative agreement between LTBB and the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan. The outreach coordinator works with the Maternal Child Health nurse in the Healthy Start program to provide education and support to teen pregnant Native moms and/or Native babies. As of early April 2013, there are 19 active clients in this program. We held a fall 2012 learning event at Odawa Hotel in Petoskey, MI, for networking and lunch as well as a stroller giveaway. We staffed a booth at the LTBB Annual Health Fair held June 2012 in order to promote our program. This program was also promoted to our LTBB Human Services and to the Human Resources at Oda-



your family.

If you are interested in joining Healthy Heart and are 18 years or older, please feel free to call Michele Keshick RN, BS, CDE at 231-242-1606 or Diane Bott RN at 231-242-1601.



wa Hotel. Pamphlets have been distributed to the Title VII workers at Pellston, MI, Harbor Springs, MI, and Char-Em Schools as well as to Planned Parenthood and the Pregnancy Care Center of Petoskey.

Grant year three of three is budgeted from 9/1/2012 to 8/31/2013. There is a new four-year grant period expected to be funded!

TRIBAL (PREP) Personal Responsibility Education Program IN 2012

Submitted by Trista Paone, RN

This is a Community Health education program for youth ages 11-19. The first year of this four-year grant was a planning year and started for LTBB in February 2012. This grant is in cooperation with the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan. We have obtained our goal for information collection and needs assessments for the planning year. The information gathered has been compiled and summarized by the Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI). The focus of the program is teen pregnancy and STI prevention. The tribes who are participating in the program have been trained in our chosen evidenced-based practice model to prevent teen pregnancy called "Making Proud Choices." We are planning to implement this course to two age groups of teens: 11-15 and 16-19 in the late spring in coordination with Youth Services. Our learning activities have many of the same goals as the activities planned by Youth Services. For example: Establishing good parent-to-child communication, learning about healthy relationships and success in the educational process.



Photos of Diane Bott, Michele Keshick and Trista Paone by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar. The baby photos appear courtesy of Trista Paone. Courtesy graphic.

LET THIS BE YOUR REASON



Help and support can be as easy as a phone call away. Our specially trained counselors offer free one-on-one cessation counseling for pregnant smokers 24 hours a day. They understand that quitting is about so much more than just not smoking and that so often feelings of stress and guilt can play huge roles in wanting to, but not being able to quit. It's worth the health of you and your unborn child to give them a call.



1-800-QUITNOW



WISE UP

Here's where kids get alcohol.

Know the source and then cut it off. No one can drink too much if they can't get it. Keep alcohol out of the hands of kids.

TEXT A TROOPER
Anonymously report 24/7 to prevent underage drinking
231-340-1000

HEAD START ENJOYS EASTER LUNCH WITH THE ELDERS



SPRING BREAK ACTIVITY DAYS - LACROSSE

PHOTOS BY
ANNETTE VANDECAR





DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

TAX AGREEMENT INFORMATION

By **Theresa Keshick**, Department of Commerce Assistant

The Department of Commerce (DOC) would like to remind the tribal membership about a few items pertaining to the Tax Agreement.

First of all, I cannot express enough how important it is to keep your address updated.

The first step in becoming a Resident Tribal Member (RTM) is to officially change your address with the Enrollment Department. This must be done in writing and as soon as possible.

The DOC cannot and will not change the estimated beginning date (EBD) (which is always the first in any given month) of a member's tax exempt status (see example below).

It is YOUR responsibility to update your address on file with the Enrollment Department. This date will affect how many months you will be able

to file the Annual Resident Tribal Member Sales Tax Credit (Tribal Form 4013). It is to your benefit to be able to file for the maximum number of months for this credit.

In addition, being an RTM will allow you to purchase large items such as vehicles, boats, motorcycles and off the road vehicles tax exempt.

There is a form that needs to be filled out called a "Request for TCE" (Tribal Certificate of Exemption), which is available in my office. Once this form is completely filled out, I will then issue the RTM the actual Tribal Certificate of Exemption (Tribal Form 3998).

If you plan on purchasing any of these items, please contact me FIRST, and I will be happy to get you the form via e-mail or fax. I am also able to fax the TCEs to the dealership you are doing business with.

Being an RTM will also allow you to be tax exempt on utility bills such as phone, cable,

gas, propane, electricity, satellite and cellular service. If you have not filled out a Utility Provider Survey, please contact the DOC, and I will be happy to get one to you.

Also, another important thing to remember is if you do move into the Tax Agreement Area (TAA), your RTM status does NOT take effect until the first day of the following month.

Example: I move to Petoskey, MI, (inside the TAA) on September 5, 2010. My RTM (EBD) status begins October 1, 2010. All updates are sent to the State of Michigan as close to the end of the month as possible.

The LTBB Tax Agreement is viewable on the State of Michigan's website at:

<http://tinyurl.com/lbttaxagr>

If you have any other questions pertaining to the Tax Agreement, I can be reached at my office at 231-242-1584 or via e-mail at tkeshick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.

Department of Commerce

Resident Tribal Member Tax Information

- | | |
|---|------------------------------|
| Cross Village (all) | Readmond (all) |
| Friendship (all) | West Traverse (all) |
| Little Traverse (all) | City of Harbor Springs (all) |
| Resort (partial) | Bay (partial) |
| Hayes (partial) | Bear Creek (all) |
| City of Petoskey (all) | |
| City of Charlevoix (only NORTH of the bridge) | |

Resident Tribal Members are exempted from the following Michigan taxes:

1. Sales Tax (currently 6% of retail price) via Form 4013
2. Use Tax (currently 6% of purchase price)
3. Income Tax (4.35% of Adjusted Gross Income)
4. Michigan Business Tax (currently 4.95%)
5. *Motor Fuel Tax (currently, 36.5 cents per gallon unleaded and 32.6 cents per gallon on diesel)
6. *Tobacco Product Tax (currently \$2 per pack of cigarettes)

* All LTBB Tribal Members are entitled to the exemption on fuel and tobacco.

*The Motor Fuel and Tobacco Product Tax exemption is available at Biindigen (tribal convenience store) located at 2169 U.S. 31 North in Petoskey, MI.

*The Motor Fuel Tax exemption is also available at the BP station on the south side of Petoskey, MI, near the Big Boy restaurant.

Please note: Exemption for tobacco and fuel is for LTBB Tribal Members' sole consumption ONLY!

IMPORTANT REMINDER: TRIBAL MEMBERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO USE THEIR TRIBAL ID SWIPE CARDS FOR PURCHASES OF NON-MEMBERS NOR ARE THEY ALLOWED TO LEND THEIR CARDS OUT TO ANYONE.

The current limit on tobacco purchases is four cartons per week per tribal citizen age 18 and over. The same applies to all other tobacco products (OTP) packaged in similar fashion.

TAX AGREEMENT REMINDER

When moving into the LTBB Tax Agreement Area, in order to become a Resident Tribal Member, you must change your address in writing at the Enrollment Department located in the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. Your RTM status will take effect on the first day of the following month in which you moved.



ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORMS DUE OCTOBER 31, 2013

All minors need to have a notarized MINOR ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM completed annually before OCTOBER 31, 2013. Faxed copies are not acceptable and will not be processed. The Address Verification form must contain the original signature. Forms must be mailed to the Enrollment Department at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 or dropped off at the aforementioned address.

The Enrollment Department is located on the first floor of the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. If you have any questions concerning guardianship or custodial issues, please contact the Enrollment Department at 231-242-1520 or 231-242-1521.

Minors who turn 18 by OCTOBER 31, 2013 must complete an ADULT ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM. This form

must be returned by OCTOBER 31, 2013.

Address verification forms can be downloaded at www.ltb-bodawa-nsn.gov/Departments/Enrollment/enrollment.htm or you may call the Enrollment Office at 231-242-1520 or 231-242-1521 to have a form mailed to you.

NEW LTBB I.D. CARDS

Tribal identification cards now have a hologram. This is an added security feature to eliminate duplication. We are phasing out the old cards. Once your Tribal identification card has expired, you will be issued the new hologram card along with a replacement fee of \$10. Replacement cost includes: address change, lost card, expired cards and minors turning 21. There will be no fee charged for: elders (55 and up), first time picture identification card, name change, defective card, faded or cracked (must bring card to office).

For more information, please contact: Enrollment Assistant Linda Gokee at 231-242-1521 or Enrollment Officer Pauline Boulton at 231-242-1520

ATTENTION ALL RESIDENT TRIBAL MEMBERS (RTMs)

If you are planning to purchase a vehicle, ORV or plan on doing any home improvements to your principal place of residence, **YOU NEED TO CONTACT ME FIRST** before making the actual purchase(s). You must fill out the "Request for TCE" form located on the LTBB website or by contacting my office. I will then issue you a "Tribal Certificate of Exemption" for such purchases. The tribe no longer uses the Refund Method, as indicated in the monthly newsletter, as of January 1, 2008. If you've already made a purchase, there is no recourse! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you. ~ Theresa Keshick at 231-242-1584.

ATTENTION LTBB CONTRACTORS

If you would like to be considered for future LTBB projects, please contact Purchasing Technician/Contracts Mandy Szocinski at 231-242-1439 or e-mail at mszocinski@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov



THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE NEEDS YOUR HELP!
We would like to start tracking LTBB Tribal Citizens who have completed military service or who are currently on active duty. If you are a veteran, please call us toll free at 1-866-652-5822 ext. 1521 or 1520. We will be asking you the following questions:
(1) Name
(2) Date of Birth
(3) Branch of Service
This information will be used by the Grants Department.
Megwetch,
Pauline Boulton, Enrollment Officer

TRIBAL NOTARY INFORMATION

The Tribal Notaries listed below are eligible to perform notarial acts within Little Traverse Bay Bands Jurisdiction unless he/she violates section C. Revocation WOS#2008-05 Tribal Notary Statute

Tribal Notary Commission Full Name	Current Status	Appointment Date	Expiration Date	Serial Number
Theresa C Keshick	Active	2/18/2009	February 18, 2015	01-09
Rebecca R Fisher	Active	2/23/2009	February 23, 2015	02-09
Lisa Flynn	Active	2/23/2009	February 23, 2015	03-09
Beatrice A Law	Active	5/11/2009	May 11, 2015	04-09
Cynthia Brouckaert	Active	06/07/2011	June 07, 2017	05-09
Kathryn L McGraw	Active	04/02/2013	April 2, 2019	06-09

LTBB TRIBAL DIRECTORIES

LTBB tribal directories are available for sale in the Enrollment Office. The tribal directory includes adults' names and addresses of LTBB Citizens enrolled as of February 28, 2013, excluding undeliverable addresses and LTBB Citizens requesting not to be included.

Qualifications:
• Must include a copy of your tribal identification card
• A \$5 money order or check payable to LTBB of Odawa Indians

Mail to:
LTBB of Odawa Indians
Attn: Enrollment Office
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Enrollment Office at 231-242-1521 or 231-242-1520.

Tribal Citizens Fee Schedule	FEES
Replacement/Expired Cards A replacement card is lost, stolen, expired or has an address change. Free to Elders.	\$10
Tribal Directory Adults 18 and enrolled prior to 2/28/2013 Published every 4 years.	\$5
Tribal Directory Labels Requestor must provide labels.	\$5
LTBB List The list includes adult's first, middle and last names only.	\$5
Photocopies of Enrollment file \$1 first copy page, 25 cents for each page thereafter.	\$1 each
Marriage License Application Certified Copies: \$10 Photo Copies: \$5	\$15
Tribal Notary Application If approved, Surety Bond: \$125	\$10
Services:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Enrollment Applications. > Address Change Forms. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Adults require notarization if mail is delivered to a post office box. o Minors require notarization annually. > Tribal Directory. > Marriage License Application. > Tribal Notary Application. > Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver Certification. > BIA - 4432 Indian Preference Form. > Eagle Feather Application and Re-Order Form. > Certifier of LTBB Degree of Indian Blood. 	



EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT COMPLETES NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

Submitted by the Education Department

The Education Department would like to say chii miigwech to all the tribal citizens who participated in our needs assessment survey, which was completed

in March 2013. We got some really great information and will use it to help guide the direction of our programming. Also, CONGRATULATIONS to our big winner of the needs assessment raffle, GORDON GROLEAU! Enjoy your new iPad mini!"

ATTENTION MICHELLE CHINGWA RECIPIENTS

Just a reminder, the deadline for the Summer Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Scholarship is June 15th, 2013. Students must have a complete file, including application, release forms, student aid report, previous semester grades, and summer schedule by this date in order to receive an

award. Late applications will not be accepted. Also, please be aware all terms not meeting the semester equivalent requirement of 16 weeks will be prorated based on the actual number of weeks for the term. All terms will be treated this way without exception per WOS 2007-005 MCEA Section II.c..

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR WINTER/SPRING TERM

Remember, in order to receive the second installment of your Winter/Spring award, the Education Department needs to receive your Enrollment Verification Form before the last day of the semester. Please remember faxed Enrollment Verification Forms will not be accepted, and it is the student's

responsibility to follow up to make sure the form has been received. For more information or help with higher education, please contact Amanda Swiss, Higher Education Student Services Specialist, at 231-242-1492 or by e-mail at aswiss@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov.



GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT



Sabing (on the net) Anishinaabemowin Anishinaabe Language Internet Resources Nish Tales, Walking & Talking with Nanabush, New Website by Ojibwe Cultural Foundation of Mchigeeng First Nations, Ontario, Canada. Presently, includes two animated video stories, six bilingual audio stories, glossary and a learning activity. Visit www.nanabush.ca

Word Search of Common Kidwinan (words)

Translate First, Search for the English Translations in Any Direction

Puzzle key on page 24.

aandeg _____	doopwin _____	mnookmi _____	noodin _____
aankwad _____	gaazhak _____	mzinigan _____	nswe _____
anang _____	giizis _____	naanan _____	skwade _____
bezhik _____	gnebig _____	nbiish _____	waashkesh _____
biboon _____	goon _____	niibin _____	wiigwaam _____
bineshiinh _____	mdaaswe _____	niwin _____	wiikwaan _____
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 T A C M L K O O B I T

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www.facebook.com/LTBBHigherEducation



UPCOMING DEADLINES FOR THE MICHELLE CHINGWA SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE 2012/2013 SCHOOL YEAR

Summer (May - August)
 June 15th

Fall (Sept. - Dec.)
 October 1st

For more information, contact Academic Services at 231-242-1480

ATTENTION STUDENTS!

IF YOU HAVEN'T SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION FOR THE 2012-2013 ACADEMIC YEAR THAT STARTED ON AUGUST 1, 2012, YOU NEED TO SUBMIT NEW APPLICATIONS FOR THE MICHELLE CHINGWA SCHOLARSHIP

****Please Note****
 Applications WILL NOT be automatically mailed to students



Applications are available online and can be downloaded from the Education Department's web-page at www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or may be requested from Academic Services at 231-242-1480.

FAMOUS GED RECIPIENTS

SEAN CONNERY - DANICA PATRICK - JERRY LEWIS - GEORGE HARRISON
 MICHAEL J. FOX - RICHARD PRYOR - PETER JENNINGS - FRANK SINATRA
 GERARD DEPARDIEU - YOUR NAME HERE - BO DEREK - PRINCE
 BILL COSBY - OLIVIA NEWTON JOHN - VIDAL SASSOON - ROGER MOORE
 JOHN TRAVOLTA - LENA HORNE - KWEISI MFUME - GLEN CAMPBELL

LET US HELP YOU BE THE NEXT "FAMOUS GED RECIPIENT"! CONTACT SIMON AT MICHIGAN WORKS! TO SCHEDULE TUTORING TIMES AT 231-348-5524

If you need GED study guides or materials, please contact Amanda or Dorothy in Academic Services at 231-242-1480.

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS Education Department

Tammy Gasco
 Phone: 231-242-1480
 Fax: 231-242-1490

Attention LTBB Tribal Citizens!

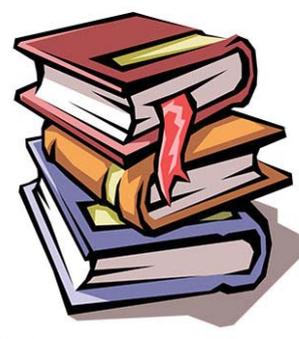
Starting June 17th, 2013, the Education Department will be pulling all BIA and Adult Vocational Student Files dated prior to the 2005 year. If your last year in college was before the 2005 year and you would like to pick up your student file, please stop by the Education Department.

Please remember the following:

- Unclaimed files after June 17th, 2013 will be shredded.
- Due to highly confidential information contained within the files, we cannot mail, scan, e-mail or fax student files.
- The file must be picked up in person by the student.

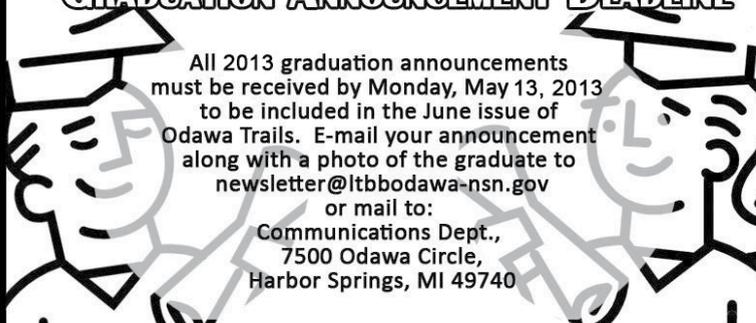
STUDENT FILES DATED AFTER THE 2005 YEAR WILL BE KEPT WITHIN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

**** PLEASE HAVE A VALID PICTURE ID READY FOR VERIFICATION PURPOSES ****



GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE

All 2013 graduation announcements must be received by Monday, May 13, 2013 to be included in the June issue of Odawa Trails. E-mail your announcement along with a photo of the graduate to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or mail to:
 Communications Dept.,
 7500 Odawa Circle,
 Harbor Springs, MI 49740




LIBRARY SERVICES ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT, PLEASE CONTACT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT 231-242-1480



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In the Sky
and

What's happening (outside)? How's the weather?

Mnookmi	Spring
Niibin	Summer
Dgwaagi	Fall
Biboon	Winter
Aki	Earth, Land
Ishkakimikwe	Mother Earth
Ngweyaab, Ngwaagan	Rainbow
Aankwad	Cloud
Giizis	Sun
Nmishomis	My Grandfather
Dibikigiizis	Moon
Nookomis	My Grandmother
Anang, Nangonhs	Star, Little Star
Dibikat	Night, Nighttime
Giizhigat	Day, Daytime
Gizhaate.	It is hot.
Minogiizhigat.	It is a nice day.
Aabwaa.	It's mild.
Tkeyaamigat.	It's cool.
Aawan	It is foggy.
Mzhaakwat.	It is clear.
Nigwaankwat.	It's cloudy.
Noodin	It is windy.
Ksinaamigat.	It's cold.
Zookpwa	It's snowing.
Gimiwan	It's raining.
Waasesemigat.	It is lightning.
Nimkiikaa	It's thundering.
Nchiiwat.	It is storming.

Aki

Ishkakimikwe

Ngwaagan

Aankwad

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Aabwaa

Tkeyaamigat

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Nigwaankwat

Mzhaakwat

Noodin

Ksinaamigat

Zookpwa

Gimiwan

Waasesemigat

Nimkiikaa

Nchiiwat

On the Pow Wow Trail

Michigan

August 2-4
29th Annual Saginaw Chippewa Pow Wow: Anishinaabe Where The Heart Is
 Mt. Pleasant, MI
 Contact Information: 1-800-225-8172 or sagchippowwow@sagchip.org

August 10-11
22nd Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow
 LTBB Pow Wow Grounds Harbor Springs, MI
 Contact Information: Annette VanDeCar at 231-242-1427 or avandecar@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov, www.odawahomecoming.com or Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow on Facebook

August 31-September 1
28th Annual Kee Boon Mein Kaa Pow Wow
 Dowagiac, MI
 Contact Information: www.pokagonpowwow.com or Kee Boon Mein Kaa on Facebook

Minnesota

May 4
2nd Annual American Indian Cancer Foundation Pow Wow
 Minneapolis, MN
 Contact Information: 612-564-5060

May 11-12
5th Annual White Earth Traditional Pow Wow
 Detroit Lakes, MN
 Contact Information: Tim St. Clair at 218-204-1366 or 218-261-0440

May 24-26
Leech Lake Memorial Pow Wow
 Cass Lake, MN
 Contact Information: LaVonne Thompson at 218-308-3680

May 27
18th Annual Memorial Day Pow Wow
 Onamia, MN
 Contact Information: 320-532-3632

June 14-16
145th Annual White Earth Pow Wow
 White Earth, MN
 Contact Information: 1-800-950-3248

June 14-16
Lake Vermilion Pow Wow
 Tower, MN
 Contact Information: Tracey Dagen at 218-780-1478

June 21-23
Waa Wiye Gaa Maag (Round Lake) 9th Annual Pow Wow
 S-Lake, MN
 Contact Information: Gary Charwood at 218-760-7955

July 5-7
Fourth of July Traditional Pow Wow
 Cass Lake, MN
 Contact Information: Rod Northbird at 218-308-3120

July 19-21
Mii Gwitch Mahnomen Days 50 First Annual Traditional Pow Wow
 Ball Club, MN
 Contact Information: Sarah Wakanabo at 218-246-2105

July 26-28
Onigum 15th Traditional Pow Wow
 Onigum, MN
 Contact Information: Priscilla Smith at 218-547-2270 or 218-252-6484

July 27-28
14th Annual Pipestone Pow Wow
 Pipestone, MN
 Contact Information: 507-825-3734

Wisconsin

May 4
40th Annual A.I.R.O. Pow Wow
 University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
 Stevens Point, WI
 Contact Information: 715-346-3576

May 17-19
24th Annual Veterans of the Menominee Nation - Gathering Pow Wow
 Keshena, WI
 Contact Information: 715-851-4748

May 25
Menominee Indian High School Graduation Pow Wow
 Keshena, WI
 Contact Information: 715-799-3846

June 14-16
Mole Lake - Ode'imini-giizis "Strawberry Moon" Pow Wow
 Crandon, WI
 Contact Information: Eric Amundson at 715-784-1089

July 5-7
Oneida Pow Wow
 Oneida, WI
 Contact Information: 920-496-5311 or 1-800-236-2214

July 12-14
31st Annual Bear River Pow Wow
 Lac du Flambeau, WI
 Contact Information: Teresa Mitchell at 715-588-3333 or 715-439-0150

July 19-21
40th Annual Honor the Earth Pow Wow
 Hayward, WI
 Contact Information: 715-634-8934

August 2-4
47th Annual Menominee Nation Pow Wow
 Keshena, WI
 Contact Information: 715-799-5114, ext. 1267

NINTH ANNUAL
SEVEN CLANS CASINO POWWOW
MAY 24-26, 2013
 THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN • RED LAKE NATION

SAGINAW CHIPPEWA 29th Annual POWWOW
"ANISHINAABE, WHERE THE HEART IS"
AUGUST 2-4, 2013
 7525 E Tomah Rd, Mt Pleasant, MI 48858

GRAND ENTRY TIMES:
 Friday 7p.m. | Saturday 1p.m. | Sunday 1p.m.

DRUM PAYOUT: 1st Place \$8,000
 Paying 7 places, Drum split for non-placing Drums

DANCE PAYOUT:
JUNIORS (6-11) 1st place \$200, paying 4 places
TEENS (12-17) 1st Place \$400, paying 4 places
JR ADULT (18-35) 1st Place \$1,200, paying 5 places
SR ADULT (36-49) 1st Place \$1,200, paying 5 places
GOLDEN AGE (50-64) 1st Place \$1,200, paying 5 places
PLATINUM AGE (65+) 1st Place \$1,200, paying 5 places

41st ANNUAL Oneida POW-WOW
July 5 - 7, 2013 • Norbert Hill Center
5 Miles West of Green Bay on Hwy. 54
 Join us in song and dance at the 41st ANNUAL ONEIDA CONTEST POW-WOW! OVER \$84,000 IN PRIZE MONEY WILL BE AWARDED!

MC: Wendall Powless, Odanah, WI
 MC: Dennis Bowen, Sr., Allegany Seneca Territory, NY
 Arena Director: Darrell Goodwill, Window Rock, AZ
 Head Drum Judge: Nawi Smith, Shinnecock, NY
 Head Female Dance Judge: Danian One Star, Two Strikes, SD
 Head Male Dance Judge: Nigel Schuyler, Detroit, MI
 Smoke Dance Coordinator: Johnson Jimerson, New Town, NY

SPECIALS
 Men's Grass Dance - Honoring first time dancing
 Sponsored by Jaymin Rainey
 Jr. Boys Traditional
 1st-\$150, 2nd-\$100, 3rd-\$75, Sponsored by Floyd King and family
 40-59 Men's Traditional
 Winner take all \$500, Sponsored by Oneida Tourism
 Women's Fancy Show
 Winner take all \$500, Sponsored by Oneida Tourism
 Men's Smoke Dance, Singer Johnson Jimerson
 Winner take all \$1,000, Sponsored by Three Tusky, Inc.
 Men & Women Woodland Style
 Sponsored by Oneida Pow-Wow Committee
 Men's Fancy Calcutta

The Public is Welcome!
 Be sure to check out the Woodland Indian Art Market.
 For more information, call 920-713-8030

Admission
 Weekend Pass \$12.00
 Daily Pass \$7.00
 60 yrs & older FREE
 10 yrs & younger FREE

Grand Entries
 Friday, July 5 7pm
 Saturday, July 6 1pm & 7pm
 Sunday, July 7 12 Noon

Registration
 Friday, July 5 4pm-6:30pm
 Saturday, July 6 11am-12:30pm

ATTENTION DANCERS AND SINGERS
 Point System competition will begin Friday, July 5. Singers please bring your own chairs. No registration fee required. Must purchase Weekend Pass.

NO CANOPIES ALLOWED. For more information, call the Oneida Pow-Wow Committee at 920-713-8030 or 920-713-8068. Reserve your room now at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, Green Bay by calling 920-467-2000.



SAVE THE DATE

37th Annual
Honoring Mother Earth

Great Lakes Area Traditional Pow Wow

Hosted by the Hannahville Indian Community
JUNE 21-23, 2013
 WOODLAND VALLEY GATHERING GROUNDS • WILSON, MICHIGAN

HOST DRUM: BEAR CREEK *Everyone is welcome!*

HEAD MALE DANCER: Michael Fish • Keshena, WI
 HEAD FEMALE DANCER: Marlene Syrette • Batchewana First Nation, Rankin Reserve Ontario
 EMCEES: Marin "Mark" Denning • Milwaukee, WI
 Beedahsiga Elliott • Cape Croker F.N., Ontario
 HEAD VETERAN DANCER: Ray Cadette • Bad River, WI
 ARENA DIRECTOR: Tim McGregor • Birch Island, Ontario

GRAND ENTRY TIMES
 All times Eastern Standard
 FRIDAY 7:00 p.m. • SATURDAY 1:00 & 7:00 p.m. • SUNDAY 12:00 p.m.

SPECIALS
 Team Dance & Hand Drum Contests, 1st place \$350

5 MEALS!
 • DINNER FEAST FRIDAY
 • BREAKFAST & DINNER FEAST SATURDAY
 • BREAKFAST & BAGGED LUNCH SUNDAY

DANCER & DRUM HONORARIUM

FOR MORE INFORMATION
 VISIT WWW.HANNAHVILLE.NET OR FIND OUR EVENT ON FACEBOOK
CONTACT POW WOV COMMITTEE
 VENDOR INFORMATION • MARK LARSON (906) 553-2301
 GENERAL QUESTIONS/DRUM CONTACT • MOLLY MESHIGAUD (906) 723-2274

Indian Summer Festival
GREAT LAKES ~ GREAT NATIONS

SEPT 6-7-8, 2013

COMPETITION POW WOV CULTURAL ENTERTAINMENT
EDUCATION DAY FRIDAY, SEPT 6
TRIBAL VILLAGES • ARTS & CRAFTS
CANOE RIDES • GREAT FOOD & SHOPPING
new BOXING COMPETITION
FIREWORKS ON MILWAUKEE'S LAKEFRONT
www.indiansummer.org

22ND ANNUAL ODAWA HOMECOMING POW WOW

DANCE CONTEST PRIZE MONEY

Golden Age 50+
& Adult 18-49

1st - \$600
2nd - \$500
3rd - \$400

Teen 13-17

1st - \$300
2nd - \$200
3rd - \$100

Junior 7-12

1st - \$100
2nd - \$75
3rd - \$50

GROUP HAND DRUM CONTEST PRIZE MONEY

1ST - \$400
2ND - \$300
3RD - \$200

DRUM CONTEST PRIZE MONEY

1ST - \$4,000
2ND - \$3,000
3RD - \$2,000
4TH - \$1,000

Dance, Drum and
Hand Drum Contests

August 10 & 11, 2013
Harbor Springs, MI
LTBB Pow Wow Grounds

Free! Open
to the public!
Bring the
whole family!

GRAND ENTRY TIMES

Saturday, August 10 - 1 & 7 p.m.
Sunday, August 11 - 12 p.m.

Check out www.odawahomecoming.com and on

Facebook: Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow for the latest information.

Registration ~ Friday, August 9, 5-8 p.m. & Saturday, August 10, 10 a.m. - Noon

Registration fee \$5 per dancer/singer. TRIBAL IDS MAY BE REQUESTED. Tiny tots need not register.

Sponsored by
Little Traverse Bay Bands
of Odawa Indians
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Annette VanDeCar 231-242-1427
avandecar@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

VENDOR INFORMATION
Marcia Sutton 231-373-0867
msutton10@yahoo.com

231-242-1430 Fax

Rain site: Petoskey High School Gymnasium

Absolutely no politics, drugs, alcohol or pets allowed at this event. Not responsible for loss of property or accidents.



JUDICIAL BRANCH

ASSOCIATE JUDGE JIM GENIA WALKS ON

Submitted by Allie Greenleaf Maldonado,
Chief Judge



It is with great sadness I share with you the news Associate Judge Jim Genia walked on March 30, 2013. He was 48 years old. He was a father to three beautiful children, twins Kaitlyn and Michael (who will turn two on April 10, 2013) and Jack (who will turn five on May 7, 2013). He was a good son to Anthony and Ann Genia. He was a wonderful husband to Kara Genia. His family will miss him dearly.

The tribe shares his family's loss. Jim was a loyal tribal citizen who believed in public service. He began working for the tribe as our Appellate Justice in May 2007. He served as our Chief Justice from 2010 until his appointment as the Associate Judge in 2012. He served our tribe because he wanted to make a difference for tribal citizens. He did this work fearlessly and with conviction because he believed serving his tribe was a great honor.

The Tribal Court will remember him as courageous, honest, smart and caring. He was a man with the utmost integrity. He was a wonderful colleague and friend, and the people at the court enjoyed working with him. We all benefited immensely from his contribution to the development of our Tribal Court system. He helped the Judiciary make several decisions about policies, rules and administrative issues in addition to reviewing the cases on his docket. He was an excellent listener and a caring and compassionate person. In addition, while he was thoughtful and deliberate about his work, he was also generous with his kindness. He made meetings enjoyable through his good humor and wit, and he could make anyone feel comfortable and valued. We share in his family's grief. The tribe has lost a truly

great warrior. He was an Ogichidaa on our behalf.

Jim had a prestigious law career before joining LTBB as Associate Judge. Judge Genia owned a lobbying and legal services firm in the state of Minnesota. He formerly was head of the Indian Law Practice Group at the Minneapolis, MN, law firm of Lockridge Grindal Nauen PLLP. Prior to joining the law firm, Judge Genia served as the Solicitor General for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe from 1993 to 1999 and Deputy Solicitor from 1992 to 1993. While at Mille Lacs, Genia helped successfully litigate the case of *Minnesota v. Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians*, a lawsuit against the State of Minnesota, which was ultimately decided by the United States Supreme Court and upheld several tribes' hunting, fishing and gathering rights under an 1837 treaty with the United States.

In addition, Judge Genia served as a Law Clerk to State District Court Judge Jack Litman in Duluth, MN, prior to joining the Mille Lacs Band in 1992. Genia served on the Board of Directors of the Johnson Institute Foundation of Washington, D.C. and St. Paul, MN, and was the former Chair of the Board of Directors of Woodlands National Bank and a former Board Member of the Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce. He also served as an Adjunct Professor of Indian Law and Treaty Rights at St. Cloud State University and NAES College in Minneapolis.

Judge Genia earned his law degree in 1990 from William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul. For its



centennial in 2000, Jim was named one of the law school's top 100 all-time graduates. After graduating from Como Park High School in 1982, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Augsburg College in Minneapolis in 1987. Genia was born in Chicago, IL, and raised in St. Paul, MN. His parents were both raised in Charlevoix, MI.

Jim will be missed.



NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

LTBB SURFACE WATER QUALITY PROTECTION PROGRAM AND WETLAND PROTECTION PROGRAM TEST AND ASSESS OUR RESERVATION WATERS IN ORDER TO CARE FOR AND PRESERVE THEM

By Jannan J. Cornstalk, Natural Resource Commissioner

As Anishinaabe, we have a need to understand our connection to the water (nibiish) and the importance of caring for it and ways to protect it. According to information from the LTBB Geographical Information System (GIS) Department and data from the Clean Water Act Work Plans, there are a total of 394 miles of streams or rivers within the LTBB reservation boundary. Also, our landscape has more than 27,000 acres of reservoirs, lakes and ponds. Other areas of water tested and that are of significance to the LTBB Waganakising include more than 35,000 of coastal and non-coastal wetlands and 110 miles of Great Lakes shorelines.

The LTBB Surface Water Quality Protection Program (SWQPP) as well as the Wetland Protection Program (WPP) are aiding and performing the important work of testing and assessing our reservation waters.

Kira Davis, LTBB Surface Water Quality Specialist,



(Left to Right) Inland Fisheries Senior Tech Kevin Haynes assembles the Water Quality Sonde in preparation for testing on the North Arm of Walloon Lake. Jannan J. Cornstalk, Natural Resource Associate Commissioner, gets instruction on properly assembling and submersing the Kemmerer Water Sampler from Water Quality Specialist Kira Davis. Photo by Inland Fisheries Biologist Bill Parsons.

goes to various sites and does assessments of the waters within the LTBB reservation boundaries. Davis, who has

been employed with LTBB since 2000, said it is important to assess and test our waters because without clean water, the life blood of Mother Earth, we and all life cannot survive, perpetuate or prosper. Davis added nibiish (water) must be healthy in order for us to continue to be able to eat the fish, gather medicines and eat the animals we hunt. In addition, Davis stated by assessing these waters, we are in part ensuring there is clean water and the availability of water to drink and use for the next seven generations.

Davis, who has BA of Science in Environmental Issues and Applications from Michigan State University, said they have been collecting monthly samples for specific analysis for 10 years, from May to October, at the same sites on an alternating basis.

"This is called a baseline assessment, which is collecting data on a consistent basis, on a consistent timeline at fixed sites to determine current water quality conditions," Davis said. "This was concluded in 2010. Now, we monitor seasonally with some sites being every other year, every

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TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**The Little Traverse Bay Bands
of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Meeting
Tribal Council Chambers
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
March 3, 2013**

Closed Session: Yes

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:03 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Melvin L. Kiogima

Council Present: Legislative Leader Melvin L. Kiogima, Secretary Regina Gasco-Bentley, Treasurer John Bott, Councilor Belinda Bardwell, Councilor Bill A. Denemy, Councilor Kevin Gasco, Councilor John Keshick, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Winnay Wemigwase. Absent: None

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount, Administrative Assistant Yvonne McShane

Executive Officials and Staff Present: None

Public: Doug Emery, Andrew Stich, Annette VanDeCar, Janice Shackelford, Denise Petoskey, Sam Shenoskey, Edward Shenoskey, Cheri Dominic, and Glenna Kimball

Invited Guests: None

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to adopt the agenda for March 3, 2013 as amended.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Treasurer Bott to approve

the minutes from February 17, 2013 with corrections.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Gasco to accept the verbal report from Legislative Leader Kiogima.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept the verbal report from Secretary Gasco Bentley.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to accept Treasurer Bott's verbal report.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Keshick to accept Tribal Council member reports from Councilor Gasco, Councilor Otto, and Councilor Bardwell.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Land and Reservation: no report.

Elder Comments: Doug Emery spoke regarding his ban at the Casino. He stated his ban was up January 31, 2013 but the Casino still has not lifted the ban and he understands Tribal Council cannot lift the ban but would like the Tribal Council to write a letter to the Casino asking them to lift it. John Kawegoma spoke regarding his attendance at an Appropriations and Finance Committee meeting regarding the food and utility reimbursements for the Elder's and asked whether or not the reimbursements could be increased due to an increase in charges by the utility companies. John also spoke regarding Elder in-home care needs and employing our own people to care for our own people.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Hearing Aid Assessment and Junior Tribal Council Ad-Hoc Committees: No Reports.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to accept the Gaming Authority Committee report from Committee Chairperson Gasco for March 3, 2013.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Land and reservation: No report.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

11:49 a.m. Public Comment: Andrew Stich asked Tribal Council to separate Environmental Services and Natural Resource Department, and to get rid of the Fishery and put the money elsewhere for current needs including building maintenance. John Kawegoma stated he wants the Elder Program renamed via the legislative process as the Department of Elder Services in order to work more cohesively with other departments.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Bardwell to temporally appoint Councilor Gasco and Councilor Denemy to the Ethics Committee.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, (Councilor Gasco and Councilor Denemy) 0 - Absent Motion carried.

1:39 p.m. Councilor Keshick arrives.

1:42 p.m. Councilor Wemigwase arrives

Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Treasurer Bott to accept the verbal report from the Agricultural Assessment Workgroup as presented by Councilor Keshick for March 3, 2013.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

10:39 a.m. Recess called.

11:10 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to accept the Gaming Authority Committee report from Committee Chairperson Gasco for March 3, 2013.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Land and reservation: No report.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

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Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept the Legal and Legislative Committee verbal report from Committee Chairperson Gasco Bentley for March 3, 2013.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Bardwell to temporally appoint Councilor Gasco and Councilor Denemy to the Ethics Committee.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, (Councilor Gasco and Councilor Denemy) 0 - Absent Motion carried.

1:31 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Bott to accept Legislative Services Attorney Budnick's verbal and written report for March 3, 2013.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, (Councilor Keshick, Councilor Wemigwase), Motion carried.

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Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Treasurer Bott to accept the verbal report from the Agricultural Assessment Workgroup as presented by Councilor Keshick for March 3, 2013.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

12:06 p.m. Lunch Recess Called.

1:31 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept the Ethics Committee verbal report as presented Chairperson Otto for March 3, 2013

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

12:06 p.m. Lunch Recess Called.

1:31 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Bott to accept Legislative Services Attorney Budnick's verbal and written report for March 3, 2013.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, (Councilor Keshick, Councilor Wemigwase), Motion carried.

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Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Hearing Aid Assessment and Junior Tribal Council Ad-Hoc Committees: No Reports.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

1:31 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept the verbal report from the Agricultural Assessment Workgroup as presented by Councilor Keshick for March 3, 2013.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

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Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

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Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

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Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

1:31 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept the verbal report from the Agricultural Assessment Workgroup as presented by Councilor Keshick for March 3, 2013.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

1:31 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

or's Wemigwase, Gasco Bentley), 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Denemy to approve Certified Motion: Funding from the U.S. Department Agricultural (USDA), Food and Nutrition Services Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Food Distribution Program Nutrition Education (FDPNE).

Vote 7 - Yes, 2 - No (Councilor Wemigwase, Secretary Gasco Bentley), 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent.

Motion carried.

Secretary Gasco-Bentley and Councilor Wemigwase voted not to approve the Certified Motions above based on policy in order to send the requests to the Appropriations and Finance Committee.

Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Gasco to pass the Marriage Statute.

Roll call vote: Councilor Bardwell-yes, Councilor Denemy-no, Councilor Gasco-yes, Councilor Keshick-no, Councilor Otto-yes, Councilor Wemigwase-yes, Treasurer Bott-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-no, Legislative Leader Kiogima-no. Motion carried.

3:05 p.m. Public Comment opened: Denise Petoskey requested Tribal Council follow the Open Meeting Statue with regard to personnel issues. Denise also thanked Council for passage of the marriage statute. Cheri Dominic thanked Council on the passage of the Marriage Statute. Annette VanDeCar thanked Councilors who voted yes on the Marriage Statute.

3:06 p.m. Public comment closed.

3:06 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to go into closed session for Personnel.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

3:47 p.m. Motion Made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Bardwell to return to open session.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

3:48 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Bott to go into closed session for Legal.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

4:16 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Bott and supported by Councilor Bardwell to return to open session.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Legislative Leader Kiogima) Motion carried.

4:18 p.m. Break and Councilor Wemigwase left the meeting.

4:32 p.m. Resume meeting.

4:33 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Gasco to go into closed session for Legal.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

5:04 p.m. Councilor Bardwell Left the meeting.

5:06 p.m. Motion Made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Gasco to return to open session.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Bardwell and Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

5:07 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Gasco to adjourn.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Bardwell and Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

Please contact the Legislative Office at 231-242-1403, 231-242-1404 or 231-242-1406 for additional updates and clarifications of these minutes as presented.

These Minutes have been read and approved as written

Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary Date

**The Little Traverse Bay Bands
of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Meeting
Tribal Council Chambers**

**7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
March 17, 2013**

Closed Session: Yes

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:02 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Melvin L. Kiogima

Council Present: Legislative Leader Melvin L. Kiogima, Secretary Regina Gasco Bentley, Councilor Belinda Bardwell, Councilor John Keshick, Councilor Bill A. Denemy, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor Kevin Gasco

Absent: Treasurer John Bott, Councilor Winnay Wemigwase

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount, Treasury Director Michael Garrow, Administrative Assistant Yvonne McShane, and General Counsel James Bransky (by phone)

Executive Officials and Staff Present: LTBB Planning Director Bryan Gillett

Public: Annette VanDeCar, Andrew Stich, Marvin Mulholland, Glenna Kimball, Janice Shackelford, Tami Okuly, Frank King and John Kawegoma, Edward Shenoskey

Invited Guests: none

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Gasco to adopt the agenda for March 17, 2013.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Wemigwase and Treasurer Bott) Motion carried.

9:07 a.m. Treasurer Bott arrived.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Bardwell to approve the minutes for March 3, 2013 as corrected.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Wemigwase) Motion carried.

9:09 a.m. Councilor Wemigwase arrived.

9:10 a.m. Elder comments: no comments.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Treasurer Bott to accept Legislative Leader Kiogima's verbal Report.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Secretary Gasco Bentley read into the minutes the Phone Poll: Dated: March 3, 2013: To approve the submission of the MSU Product Center Request for counseling application and authorize Ad-hoc Agricultural Assessment Work-group member Alan Proctor to sign and submit the application for services. The phone poll passed 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent.

Secretary Gasco Bentley read into the minutes Phone Poll: Dated March 13, 2013: To approve the Letter of Engagement from Fredericks & Pebbles dated March 13, 2013; authorize Legislative Leader Melvin Kiogima to sign the Letter of Engagement and approve payment for the legal services rendered to come from the Legal Department Budget. The phone poll passed 6-yes, 2-no (Secretary Gasco Bentley, Councilor Wemigwase), 0-abstained, 1-absent (Treasurer Bott)

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept Secretary Gasco Bentley's verbal report for March 17, 2013.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor

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“Minutes” continued from page 17. or Wemigwase to accept Treasurer Bott’s verbal report for March 17, 2013.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to accept Councilor Wemigwase 2013 RES Conference (Reservation Economic Summit) & American Indian Business Trade travel report.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Keshick to accept Councilor Gasco’s Gaming Authority Committee report for March, 17, 2013.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported Treasurer Bott to accept the Land and Reservation Committee verbal report from Legislative Leader Kiogima for March 17, 2013.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Elder Comments: No Comments.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Keshick to accept the verbal Legal and Legislative Committee Report from Secretary Gasco-Bentley for March 17, 2013.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Treasurer Bott to accept verbal report from the Ethics Committee as given by Chairman Otto and committee member Wemigwase for March 17, 2013.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Elder Comment: John Kawegoma talked about the Ethics Committee being made up of Citizens and not Tribal Councilors as he feels it is currently conflicting.

Elder Comment: Janice Shackelford agreed with John Kawegoma.

10:20 a.m. Recess called.

10:55 a.m. Meeting reconvenes.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept the verbal report by Councilor Wemigwase for the Hearing Aid Assessment Work Group for March 17, 2013.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Treasurer Bott to accept the Junior Tribal Council As-Hoc Committee meeting verbal report from Councilor Wemigwase for March 17, 2013.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to accept the verbal and written report from Councilor Keshick regarding the Agricultural Assessment Work Group for March 17, 2013.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Keshick to accept Treasury Director Garrow’s verbal and written report for March 17, 2013.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Gasco to accept the verbal report from Legislative Services Attorney Budnick.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Elder Comment: Marvin Mulholland commented on the Senate bill 78 regarding endangered species changes and the environment. Councilor Keshick said there is a website for signing onto a petition against the proposed legislation.

Elder Comment: John Kawegoma talked about the use of adobe software members only website that is in the development stage. He also asked about training for Citizens to use it during the Annual Community Meeting.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco-Bentley and supported by Councilor Denemy to approve the Citizenship List A - Eligible for Citizenship dated March 6, 2013 For a total of 6.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco-Bentley and supported by Councilor Gasco to approve the Citizenship List B – Declination Ineligible for Citizenship dated March 6, 2013 for a total of 2.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco-Bentley and supported by Councilor Keshick to add Amendment to Land and Reservation Committee draft Statute to the Legislative Calendar.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

11:50 a.m. Public Comment:

John Kawegoma spoke regarding the March 7 Legislative and Legal Committee and how other departments should interact with the Elder’s Program. John said he went to the Executive as asked that different departments look at what

they have for the Elders and that per the Executive, he would not do it. John then requested the Legal and Legislative Committee make the request. John further spoke regarding previous in home member meetings long ago and how they talked about seven generation teachings and the need to work as a unified people. This he spoke in reference to more committees of Citizens particularly with regard to what they would get paid and sharing the wealth between Tribal Council and the Citizen Committee members and how he would work for free on a Committee and said those who don’t, don’t have a true heart.

Janice Shackelford spoke regarding leadership working together. Janice also spoke regarding her son who returned home and cannot believe what they have been hearing when he tries to get assistance with regard to how the Branches of government get along. Janice further spoke regarding the Dominic family era, her serving on the Gaming Commission and the Tribe going backward instead of forward, always undoing and not giving chances.

Andrew stich asked about the Tribal Council motion regarding contacting the police and whether the information was open to the public. Councilor Wemigwase responded to Andrew that she is working on it as authorized by motion. Andrew also asked for a Mackinaw city update. Legislative Leader Kiogima responded that Tribal Council will have a closed session today regarding the same in order to make sure the project proceeds in the right way. Andrew further asked what process is for the Burial Board and who it will work to purchasing parcels, do soil testing, and check for drainage any issues. Legislative Leader Kiogima stated the Executive is tasked with doing assessments regarding properties.

Tammy Okuly requested Tribal Council create a statute regarding Tribal Citizens not being fired for reporting concerns in the Tribal Government. Legislative Services Attorney Budnick suggested Tribal Council review the Whistle Blowers Statute for intent. Tammy asked for having a law in place for Citizen Employees to be able to speak at all levels with regard to the Tribal Government.

John Kawegoma added to Tammy’s concern that it not be a Whistle Blowers Act, but something different to protect employee Citizen Rights. John also spoke regarding his previous employment termination and how he was terminated while hospitalized because he would not apologize for an incident. Said He talks about things in public comment so he can bring issues to the Tribal Council that are in the community.

Janice Shackelford stated she believes Tribal Council is doing a good job.

12:12 p.m. Lunch recess called. 1:30 pm. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Bardwell to amend the agenda to include action item National Indian Gaming representative for 2013 Trade Show and Convention.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Denemy to pass Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute 2005-01 Natural Resources Commission Amendment and Repeal of Statutory Inland Regulations.

Roll call: Councilor Bardwell-yes, Councilor Denemy-yes, Councilor Gasco-yes, Councilor Keshick-yes, Councilor Otto-yes,

Councilor Wemigwase-yes, Treasurer Bott-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Kiogima-yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Gasco to add to the Legislative Calendar draft Statute to Approve Negotiations.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to add to the Legislative Calendar draft Statute Exclude Individuals or Parties from Tribal Lands and Properties.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Gasco to post Min-A-Mshkiki- Gumik, INC. Draft Statute.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve Certified Motion: National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) Representative for the 2013 Tradeshow and Convention.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

1:37 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Bardwell to go into closed session for Land.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

3:02 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by councilor Denemy to go back into open session.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

3:02 p.m. Public Comment: Andrew Stich commented on the \$50,000 to the Odawa Economic Development Inc., Corporate Charter and what it was used for. Council responded that it was to be used for razing the old Victories building in order to further economic development for that property.

3:04 p.m. Public Comment closed.

3:16 p.m. Motion by Secretary Gasco-Bentley and supported by Councilor Otto to go into closed session to discuss confidential business.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0- Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

3:42 p.m. Motion by Councilor Gasco and supported by Treasurer Bott to go back into open session.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0– Absent Motion carried.

Motion by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Denemy to amend the agenda to include the Contracting Statute.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0– Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco-Bentley and supported by Treasurer Bott to pass the Contracting Statute.

Roll call: Councilor Bardwell-yes, Councilor Denemy-yes, Councilor Gasco-yes, Councilor Keshick-yes, Councilor Otto-no, Councilor Wemigwase-yes, Treasurer Bott-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Kiogima-yes. Motion carried.

4:14p.m. Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to adjourn.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Please contact the Legislative Office at 231-242-1403, 231-242-1404 or 231-242-1406 for additional updates and clarifications of these minutes as presented.

These Minutes have been read and approved as corrected:

Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary Date



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"SWQPP" continued from page 16.

three years or four years and have sites that are on trust land, which are Van and Susan Creek, that are monitored monthly every year May to October."

Davis said due to the baseline, they were able to assess which water bodies had more potential to be degraded, which were of higher quality or already had monitoring being done in addition to the tribe, and which water bodies were used by tribal citizens more often through surveys or discussion.

"This is how we decide how much to monitor; plus, we need to stay within our budget," Davis said.

The tests and assessments done by Davis and Water Quality Assistant Caroline Keson are paid for by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 106 Clean Water Act. An example of the cost of a total Nitrogen sample is \$52.

"We run this parameter 21 times per season just to get a snap shot of this parameter," Davis said. "So, yes, it is very expensive, and this is just for one type of test although this test is on the higher end. Other tests of the SWQPP include total Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Suspended Solids and Chloride. They also conduct Habitat Assessments and Macroinvertebrate Surveys and test for Dissolved Oxygen, Temperature, Conductivity, Depth and pH."

There are various factors affecting the healthiness of our waters which come from both human and natural influences. According to Davis, the total Nitrogen and Phosphorus can come from fertilizers and pesticides used on lawns. Chloride can come from road runoff and salt applications.

Others such as Suspended Solids can come from erosion and can smother fish eggs and fill creeks up with sand. Davis stated Dissolved Oxygen needs to be within a specific range for cold water and warm water fish as well as aquatic life and the pH range should be between 6.5-9 which tells you whether the water is acidic or alkaline.

Davis and other staff have specific parameters and funding which defines how they can do their work.

"We are funded through the Environmental Protection Agency 106 Clean Water Act, so we have a Tribal Guidance that we have to follow," Davis said. "In the 106 Clean Water Act, there are certain tests or parameters that we are asked to monitor. We are to assess them by reviewing what tribal citizens use these waters for and then, see if these tests are within certain thresholds and/or criteria, these are called standards. We currently use State of Michigan and Wisconsin standards and tribal and federal standards to do our assessments that are reported to the federal government responsible for protection of our environment, Environmental Protection Agency."

LTBB has draft tribal uses and will be creating its own standards as well in the future.

In the field, Davis and other staff have met tribal citizens while assessing and doing work at Tannery Creek and Spirit Lake.

When asked if these citizens have questions about the work they do, Davis answered, "Yes, they ask questions, but we ask more. People that use these waters are the best way to receive information about the waters we test. This is priceless and viable information. Who would better know about what happens on a water body than people who spend a lot of time there for different uses?"

Davis said she is not sure how informed or uninformed tribal citizens are about the work her and the staff do, but some of the things she would like for them to know are the amount of time, maintenance, set-up and organization it takes per monitoring event, and then, the amount of analysis they do while wrestling with much federal red tape.

"It is important and enjoyable," Davis said.

Tribal citizens ask other questions such as, "How is the water quality anyways?"

Davis said that is a difficult question to answer.

"For the most part, I would say good, with potential higher than others, at some waters for degradation," Davis said. "It is really water body or watershed specific and depends on what the water body is mainly used for before this question can be answered. For instance, if someone asked how is Spirit Lake's water quality? I would say in terms of a water body for the use of aquatic life and wildlife- good. In terms of for swimming, not good due to the chance of getting swimmers itch since many waterfowl settle at Spirit Lake during migration periods."

When defining which demographic group of tribal citizens to educate about our waters, Davis said, "I really think we need to target our youth and let them know that they can help protect the water

and the environment, too." According to Davis, some of the most curious and perceptive demographic groups are probably the elementary children. "What child doesn't like to get dirty and see aquatic insects and non-insects (macroinvertebrates) living in the water," Davis said. "They are at a curious age."

Davis said there are various ways tribal citizens can be proactive in protecting our waters for future generations.

"Clean your vessels, crafts, trailers with hot water if possible, but cold will do as long as you let it dry to stop the spread of invasive species," Davis said. "Use little or no fertilizers or pesticides on lawns. Pick up your fishing line. It takes 500 years to decompose and is responsible for 1 million bird deaths and 10,000 marine mammals a year. Think about keeping the water clean for your children and/or grandchildren when using it."

Recently in October 2012, in a partnership grant between LTBB, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Paradise Lake Improvement Board, there was a groundbreaking ceremony for a boat washing station at Paradise Lake in Carp Lake, MI.

"This was a way to be proactive and prevent Eurasian Milfoil, an invasive aquatic plant, from entering other water ways where it is not present yet," Davis said. "And, also prevent other invasives from entering Paradise Lake. By setting up a free boat wash station, it gives the tool to water users to do their part in preventing the spread of any aquatic invasive species. Also, a large component of this grant is education and outreach. We are currently working on a best practices brochure to show how water users can prevent degradation of water quality and the spread of invasive species. We have also created aquatic laminated invasive species identification cards that are waterproof and can be on your boat with contact information if you think you have found an invasive. The community has been very involved in this, and there is a workgroup that has been essential in every part of this project."

Davis stated, in the past 10 years that she and the staff have been using trend analysis, which is defined as seeing an significant increase or decrease in values over time, there is an increase in total Chloride over time in many of the waters they have tested.

"I would assume that this is due to our dependency on salt as part of the mixture to de-ice our roads in the winter," Davis said. "Total Chloride does not break down once it enters waterways, therefore, it will accumulate over time. We haven't seen trends that temperatures are increasing, however, some of the waters have exceeded temperature ranges for the types of fish living in certain waters during specific years. We will be placing temperature probes in a couple of these waters that will take readings consistently and not just on a field visit, for more data to assess whether temperatures are too high in other areas of these waters that we don't test during a field visit."

Davis said climate change may be connected to low water levels, however, when looking at historical data, this has happened before where water levels decrease for a few years and then, increase. She further stated, "We do see some increase in sand beds in some creeks which can cover prime cobble habitat for fish spawning and could smother fish eggs. Invasive species are always an issue, however, I believe that introduction to exotic species is nothing new, but it is the human catalyst of our activities that increase their numbers and effects at a rate that nature can't keep up with, causing detrimental impacts to waters. An example would be the zebra mussel taking over or aggressive aquatic plants like Eurasian Milfoil (at Paradise Lake) that out-competes native plants - these have been brought into waters on boats, boat trailers, equipment, kayaks, canoes, etc. (the human catalyst)"

One of the most challenging aspects of assessing waters for the tribe is prioritizing what waters to monitor with limited funds based on the uses by tribal citizens and how to protect surface water where we currently do not have jurisdiction.

"Education of our tribal youth and community is very important for our future," Davis said.

Davis, in the future, will continually have to deal with tighter funds and has the perspective that everything is connected in nature. In assessing and educating tribal citizens, she will continue to try to collaborate with the different Natural Resource programs, Education, Cultural Programs and/or Departments at LTBB for the protection and care of our waters.

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Editor's note: The following is a press release dated February 26, 2013 from the Friends of the Jordan Watershed, Inc.

Friday, February 22nd, 2013 marks one of the darkest days in Michigan's natural history. That was the day Michigan's Senate quietly passed S.B. 78 which specifically removed "Biodiversity" from the long held stated goals and policies by which our state has managed our public-owned natural resources. No longer will nature, diversity of species or environmental quality be considered or stand in the way of logging, mining or drilling for oil and gas in our State Forests.

Few people recognize the significance or implications of this act. The concept of "Biodiversity" is the pillar upon which conservation and environmental protection is built.

Modern science has determined that one of the best ways to measure environmental health and quality of life is the diversity of plant and animal species within a given community. Biodiversity also confers biological integrity, which means that all the necessary components are present and viable to promote ecological health. Managing our State Forests to include biodiversity requires that we recognize and respect those elements that provide for the rich, balanced and diverse plant and animal communities upon which we all depend. It also requires that we avoid those things that fragment, pollute and destroy that delicate balance.

Following the travesties of the logging era, the citizens of Michigan and their representatives enacted a series of laws and policies to ensure that such a thing would never happen again. They had witnessed, first hand, the wholesale destruction of Michigan's virgin forests, extinction of species and the ensuing degradation of our rivers and streams. Clearly etched in their minds was the wasteful result of unfettered exploitation of our shared natural resources. They declared of "paramount importance" to; forever prevent such large scale deforestation and degradation, protect our natural heritage for the Common Trust and future generations and promote policies and goals which would foster biodiversity and ecological health. The concept of biodiversity was incorporated into our States natural resource management policies and goals. The era of Conservation was born.

Until recent years, the conservation and management of our public lands has been largely successful. For many years Michigan was considered a world leader for fostering the rejuvenation of abundant public lands. Michigan's forests have regrown to become viable forest ecosystems with valuable timber. They have also healed to provide the diversity of plant and animal species as was hoped for and intended. As a result, the waters of our streams and rivers run cleaner and faster. This rejuvenation has also provided a vast diversity of opportunities and uses for people who like to hunt, fish, canoe, hike, bird watch, snowmobile, ORV or just want to get outside. It also provides for the sustainable harvest of high quality timber and the extraction of minerals. This was made possible because respect for nature was the priority and biodiversity was a vital management goal that kept the forest ecosystem healthy and vibrant.

Now, times have changed. Our re-born forests

are seen as a commodity, open to the highest bidder. Our public lands have been leased for oil and gas extraction at unprecedented rates. The new, revised, State Forest Management Guidelines are focused squarely on logging with few spots spared. There are no provisions for Old Growth Designation or Natural Areas. Our pristine waters are being squandered, contaminated and permanently disposed of in alarming volumes. The oil and gas industry has found ways to extract the vast reserves of natural gas lying buried deep beneath our public lands through a process called fracking. These extractive and industrial scale operations fragment, pollute and destroy natural habitats and ecosystems. They are not compatible with the principals or goals of biodiversity. In order for these exploitations to proceed, biodiversity must be removed as a management goal. S.B. 78 is a dark traitor to the proud legacy wrought by those heroes who fought and struggled to reclaim Michigan's natural heritage and restore its environmental quality.

But wait! These are public-owned lands, our lands! These are my lands. These are your lands, our children's and grandchildren's lands (and waters too!). They were set aside and protected for good reasons. Who gave the OK to turn them over to the oil and gas and timber industries to exploit for private (even international) profit?

Governor Snyder heralded the advent of these ventures when he proclaimed that these industries will help lead Michigan out of its recession. The MDNR has enabled these industries by leasing millions of acres of State land for oil and gas extraction. The new State Forest Management Guidelines focus squarely on timber harvest and leave few places unscathed. MDEQ refuses to adequately regulate fracking and allows the toxic contamination of millions of gallons of fresh potable groundwater. Nowhere through the course of these events has the public been honestly engaged or properly informed by our State's officials. Instead, these decisions have been made quietly in closed rooms as witnessed by the passage of SB 78 or crammed through during a lame duck legislative blitzkrieg. The groundwork has been laid for the commercialization of our public assets.

I urge all who read this letter to look into these issues seriously and soon. Sadly I sense that the general public is too overwhelmed and worn out to put up much of a fight. The industries have mounted and sustained a massive and very effective advertising campaign filled with marvelous half-truths. It's no wonder that people are confused and struggling just to make ends meet. Jobs and cheap energy sound pretty good right now. However, we have not been informed of the short and long term costs associated with these activities.

Removing biodiversity as a goal and management tool of our public lands will open the floodgates of industrialization and pollution of our most special places. The scars these activities leave behind may never heal and they have the potential to pollute our beautiful Great Lakes State forever. Are we willing to sacrifice our quality of life and that of future generations for a short term profit most of us will never see? Restore and sustain biodiversity.

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President, Friends of the Jordan River Watershed Inc.

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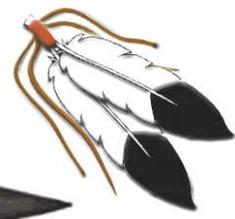
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THE MIGIZII RIDERS

Aanii all. It will soon be time to get out the Iron Ponies and log some serious miles of smiles. Come join us! The Migizii Riders would like to send out an invitation to interested individuals to participate in the further development of our Motorcycle Club/Group/Organization which is still in the development stage.

"The mission of the Migizii Riders will be to promote and encourage safe riding, camaraderie, and goodwill, within our own Tribe and other Nations. We welcome all makes and models of modern day Iron Horses and membership from all walks of life. We embrace our language, culture, and traditions always valuing the Creator, respecting Mother Earth, and maintaining the pride of our Ancestors. The road we ride is paved with the seven grandfather teachings and our eyes on the seven generation vision. Freedom is the heartbeat of our circle."

"The vision of Migizii Riders will be to promote a healthy livelihood for the Native Nations of Turtle Island and all Cultures. Anishinaabe Values will guide us forward to a good and safe life."

You must meet the following criteria for membership: A desire to have fun, enjoy life and pursue miles of smiles. Acceptance and promotion of Mission and Vision. Maintain open-mindedness and acceptance of all cultures. Maintain respect and love for Creation. A commitment to be a positive community role model and to promote positive changes within your community. Zero tolerance for alcohol, drugs or any mood altering substances while on all rides. All walks of life accepted. All makes and models of Iron Horses accepted.

The Migizii Riders plan to have three membership types: 1) Full – requires a bike. 2) Associate – passenger, potential owner, interested individual. 3) Prospect – person under the age of 18.

We plan to be a non-profit organization of some sort which will become incorporated. Our major



goal will be to log many miles of smiles on our Iron Horses.

Starting in May 2013 and weather permitting, every Thursday at 5:30 p.m., we will meet at Biindigens in Petoskey, MI, to do a group ride. You do not have to be a member to ride. If you want to ride, just show up. Everyone is welcome.

Some other potential plans for this year is us hosting a "Blessing of the Bikes" event and an "Idle No More" structured ride. These two events are still in the planning stage. They may come to be or they may not at this point. If you want to become involved or have suggestions in their development, your participation and comments are welcomed.

If you wish to become an active participant in the Migizii Riders continued development or need additional information, please e-mail any questions to denemyb@charter.net or call Bill Denemy at 231-330-8987 or call Tony Davis at 231-340-0023.

Live Free. Ride Hard. Stay Safe.

Pictured left to right in the photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar are Tony Davis and Bill A. Denemy.

LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS REACTS TO NLRB DECISION

Editor's note: The following is a press release dated March 21, 2013 from the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.



The National Labor Relations Board has ruled that the National Labor Relations Act applies to the Little River Band's casino operations, and that it trumps the Band's duly enacted

labor laws. The Board has thwarted any effort by the Band to apply its own laws to the tribally owned Little River Casino Resort, located within tribal jurisdiction in Manistee, Michigan.

"It is difficult to imagine a more outrageous affront to our sovereignty," Tribal Council Speaker Steve Parsons declared. "Our casino operation is equivalent to federal and state government tax collection operations. It is our primary public revenue generator, which supports all of our tribal government programs. The Tribal Council took special care to enact a Fair Employment Practices Code that balances the rights of tribal government employees with the need to protect tribal government revenue. The federal government should be doing all that it can to protect tribal sovereignty, self-determination and self-sufficiency. This ruling is in utter disregard to the

Band's sovereignty and ability to govern its own affairs."

The Band firmly disagrees with this decision and believes it is inconsistent with established principles of federal Indian law, which affirm the sovereign authority of Indian nations to govern economic relations within their jurisdictions. The Band's Fair Employment Practices Code is fully operational and allows for union organizing and collective bargaining, with several collective bargaining agreements signed pursuant to it. While the Band is in the process of carefully considering the options available to it, it considers the Code to remain good law within its jurisdiction and intends to take all necessary steps to vindicate the Code and its sovereign right to enact it, including seeking review of the Board's decision in federal court.

Courtesy graphic.

SHONI AND JUDE SCHIMMEL FIRST NATIVE AMERICANS EVER TO PLAY IN A DIVISION I BASKETBALL NATIONAL TITLE GAME



They made history as the only Native Americans ever to play in a Division I basketball national title game, and Louisville was the lowest seed ever (No. 5) to make it to the national title game.

Shoni, a 5-foot-10 junior guard, led Louisville this season, averaging 14.2 points per game while Jude, a 5-foot-5 sophomore guard, averaged 5.7 points per game. They grew up on the Umatilla reservation in Pendleton, OR, playing "rez ball." It's a fast-paced, transition style of basketball characterized by quick scoring and playing aggressive defense to force turnovers. Their style of play is well-suited for Louisville's up-tempo style of basketball.

Shoni, a two-time First Team All-Big East selection, has scored more than 1,000 points in her career.

Jude was the recipient of the Elite 89 award for the 2013 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship. She is majoring in sociology and carries a 3.737 grade point average. The Elite 89 award, founded by the NCAA, recognizes the true essence of the student-athlete by honoring the individual who has reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in his or her sport while also achieving the highest academic standard among his or her peers. The Elite 89 is presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade point average participating in the finals site for each of the NCAA's championships.

Courtesy photo.

March Madness became "Schimmel Madness." Shoni and Jude Schimmel's magical run in the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship came to an end when their Louisville Cardinals team lost 93-60 to the University of Connecticut, which won its eighth national title on April 9, 2013 in the national title game.

Their success - helping Louisville upset defending national champion Baylor and two-time national player of the year Brittney Griner in the regional semifinals and Tennessee, a powerhouse program which has won eight national titles, in the Final Four - was closely watched by Native Americans everywhere.

2013 TRIBAL ELECTION SCHEDULE

MONDAY, MAY 6, 2013 ~ PRIMARY ELECTION DAY 8 A.M. TO 7 P.M.

MONDAY, MAY 20, 2013 ~ PRIMARY ELECTION CERTIFIED AT 5 P.M. AND THE BALLOT FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION APPROVED.

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2013 ~ BALLOTS FOR GENERAL ELECTION MAILED TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS AS OF MARCH 26, 2013

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2013 ~ 1 P.M. TO 6 P.M. "MEET THE CANDIDATES FORUM" AT THE SOARING EAGLE CASINO RESORT HOTEL IN MT. PLEASANT, MI.

MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2013 ~ GENERAL ELECTION DAY 8 A.M. TO 7 P.M.

TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2013 ~ GENERAL ELECTION CERTIFIED AT 5 P.M.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2013 OATH OF OFFICE FOR TRIBAL CHAIRMAN / VICE CHAIRMAN AND TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS - ELDERS PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 15, 2013

Meeting called to order at 1:05 p.m.

Present: Chairperson Virginia Lewis, Secretary Bea Law, Member Richard Wemigwase, Member Bill Denemy, Member Kahtnee Tobasageshik, Member Doug Emery, Member Janice Shackleford and Elders Outreach Coordinator Tammy Okuly-Shananaquet

Absent: Vice Chair Sarah VanDeCar

Guest: Pam Luce, Elders Victim Advocate attached to Elders Program through a grant.

Motion to approve the agenda by Bea Law and supported by Janice Shackleford.

Motion carried.

Motion to accept the minutes for December 5, 2012 with corrections by Member Doug Emery and supported by Chairperson Virginia Lewis.

February 5, 2013

Meeting called to order at 1:25 p.m.

Present: Chairperson Virginia Lewis, Secretary Bea Law, Member Richard Wemigwase, Member Bill Denemy, Member Kahtnee Tobasageshik, Member Doug Emery, Member John Kawegoma, Elders Outreach Coordinator Tammy Okuly-Shananaquet

Absent: Vice Chair Sarah VanDeCar

Guest: Carol Robineau of Hospice of Gaylord, Elders Victim Advocate Pam Luce, Elder Fran Holdorph

Carol Robineau gave the Advisory Group an overview of Hospice, its purpose and how it assists those in need of hospice care. She earlier had addressed these topics at the Elders Luncheon to the group in attendance there.

Motion to approve the agenda by Member John Kawegoma and supported by Member Richard Wemigwase.

Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of January 15, 2013 was tabled.

Old Business

Elders Outreach Coordinator Tammy Okuly-Shananaquet

March 5, 2013

Meeting called to order at 1:05 p.m.

Present: Vice Chair Sarah VanDeCar, Secretary Bea Law, Member Bill Denemy, Member Janice Shackleford, Member Doug Emery, Member John Kawegoma, Elders Outreach Coordinator Tammy Okuly-Shananaquet

Absent: Chairperson Virginia Lewis, Member Richard Wemigwase and Member Kahtnee Tobasageshik

Guests: Elders Victim Advocate Pam Luce, Education Director Jannan Cotto, Cultural Services Specialist Theresa Chingwa

Cultural Services Special-

Motion carried.

Old Business
Elders Services Calendar, picture board with contact numbers.

Director Tammy Okuly-Shananaquet and Advisory Board to discuss outreach.

Director Tammy Okuly-Shananaquet discusses outreach services.

New Business
The need to work on a mission statement.

Pictures of board to be taken on January 24, 2013.

January 31, 2013, an assessment will be sent out.

Motion to adjourn at 2:40 p.m.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Next meeting February 5, 2013

Secretary Bea Law
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spoke about the current activities for the Elders Program.

The need for proper procedures to be followed in the program.

Member John Kawegoma discussed Elders Outreach Coordinator Tammy Okuly-Shananaquet meeting with the Executive Office and the Legislative Leader regarding the budget. Elders Outreach Coordinator Tammy Okuly-Shananaquet said it would have to go through the chain of command to Albert Colby, Jr., the Tribal Administrator.

Elders Outreach Coordinator Tammy Okuly-Shananaquet informed the committee of February's events.

Elders Outreach Coordinator Tammy Okuly-Shananaquet informed the committee of the Hearing Aid Ad Hoc Committee's decision to limit \$500 per person needing hearing aids.

Motion to adjourn by Chairperson Virginia Lewis and supported by Member John Kawegoma.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Next meeting March 7, 2013
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ist Theresa Chingwa requested assistance from the Elders Advisory Board in the selection of four youth who can meet and make their own regalia. The selection process will start with the registrations received by March 12, 2013. Volunteers will meet in Room 312 at 1 p.m. on March 12, 2013.

Luce presented the survey for LTBB Citizens age 50 and over. Luce explained the survey and requested input from the Elders Advisory Committee. See attached survey.

Luce suggested future meetings with the Elders Advisory Committee regarding future grants.

Motion to approve the agenda
"Advisory Minutes" continued on page 24.

"McNamara" continued from page 1.

A public hearing on the proposed casino in Mackinaw City, MI, is scheduled for April 23, 2013 at 7 p.m. The Mackinaw City Village Council will hear public comment regarding a proposed casino plan which has been presented to the council by our tribe. The hearing will be held in the James B. Marshall multi-purpose room at the Mackinaw City High School in Mackinaw City, MI.

I am anticipating a larger crowd this time as the first public hearing was basically a presentation and information brought forth by our tribe to the village. Mackinaw City Village President Jeff Hingston made it clear rules will be followed regarding the format of the hearing. Hingston said comments will be heard from the citizens, and then, the village council could make a decision at its next scheduled meeting on May 2, 2013.

HUNTING OF WOLVES IN MICHIGAN

In early March of this year, I wrote an article updating the hunting of wolves in Michigan, and stated there was a coalition group circulating petitions to force a referendum on a new Michigan law allowing hunting of the once-protected predators. The organizers of the group, "Keep Michigan Wolves Protected," sought to gather 225,000 signatures by late March 2013 to qualify for the November 2014 ballot. The coalition includes animal welfare, conservation and Native American tribes. Michigan has approximately 700 wolves.

Here is an update on what has happened since that article was written in early March 2013. The activists seeking to kill a new law allowing for an Upper Peninsula wolf hunt say they have the signatures needed to suspend the measure and put it on the November 2014 ballot. There were some very

motivated volunteers across the state who withstood some freezing temperatures to help make this happen. They raised their voices on behalf of the wolves. According to "Keep Michigan Wolves Protected," it submitted 253,705 signatures – well above the 161,305 – needed to put a referendum on the ballot. Approximately 2,500 signatures were collected at Odawa Casino in Petoskey, MI. Once the signatures were submitted on March 27, 2013, the Board of State Canvassers had 60 days with an option of 15 additional days to determine if the petitions contain enough valid signatures to get it on the ballot. At that point, if there are enough valid signatures of registered voters, P.A. 520 of 2012, will be suspended, pending the outcome of the November 2014 vote.

DEMOLITION OF OLD VICTORIES CASINO STRUCTURE IN PETOSKEY, MI

As of March 28, 2013, Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. (OEDMI) selected a qualified contractor via request for proposal to demolish the old Victories Casino structure in Petoskey, MI, located on "Parcel A" according to the following schedule.

Demolition of old Victories Casino structure will commence approximately April 12th, 2013. After this date, "access to Parcel A will be restricted to essential personnel only."

Migwech, speak the language and follow our traditional and cultural values to preserve our strong unified tribal identity.

The photos appear courtesy of Tribal Chairman Dexter McNamara except for the photo of him and LTBB Tribal Citizen Sarah Schilling. That photo appears courtesy of Sarah Schilling.

"Advisory Minutes" continued from page 24.

da by Member Janice Shackelford and supported by Secretary Bea Law.

Motion carried. Motion to approve the minutes of January 15, 2013 and February 5, 2013 was tabled.

Old Business: None.

New Business
Elders Outreach Coordinator Tammy Okuly-Shananaquet spoke of the need for volunteers for her program. This would include the youth. Background checks would be required, and there would be a cost associated with getting background checks done. It was suggested the LTBB Elders Association could help with the cost.

Elders Outreach Coordinator Tammy Okuly-Shananaquet will be interviewing for a part-time shuttle driver and a full-time Outreach Assistant on March 13, 2013.

Elders Outreach Coordinator Tammy Okuly-Shananaquet conducted a study of tribal elders, and within 10 years, one-

half of all LTBB Citizens will be elders.

Elders Outreach Coordinator Tammy Okuly-Shananaquet discussed the April calendar and the upcoming MIEA April meetings.

On March 11, 2013, there will be an interdepartmental meeting held in Room 312 to discuss ways to assist citizens outside our area.

Member John Kawegoma reported going to Tribal Council regarding legislation making changes to the Elders Program. Future report by Member John Kawegoma to follow. There will be a public hearing on March 22, 2013.

Motion to adjourn by Member Bill Denemy and supported by Member Doug Emery.

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Next meeting April 2, 2013
Secretary Bea Law
Corrected copy April 2, 2013

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All canopies must have at least one participant (Dancer/Singer)
Set-up begins Friday, August 9 at 5 p.m. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
Canopy space is limited to a 10' x 10' area
YOU are responsible for canopy area
CLEAN up before leaving

All interested parties **MUST** check in with Pow Wow Committee Member prior to setting up

Canopy limit is ONE per FAMILY even if there are multiple participants. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

NOTICE: Sex Offender Registration Requirements

All persons who have been convicted as a sex offender are required by the LTBB Sex Offender Registration and Notification Statute to register with LTBB Law Enforcement if any of the following circumstances are true:

1. If your residence is on Tribally owned land;
2. If you will be visiting and staying on Tribally owned land for more than seven (7) days;
3. If you are enrolled in any classes or schools located in Tribal buildings; or
4. If you are employed on Tribally owned lands.

LTBB Law Enforcement is located at:
911 Spring Street, Petoskey, MI 49770
231-242-1500

For more information regarding Sex Offender Registry you can visit the LTBB Website www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov and choose the Law Enforcement link on the right side of the page.



LETTERS FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP

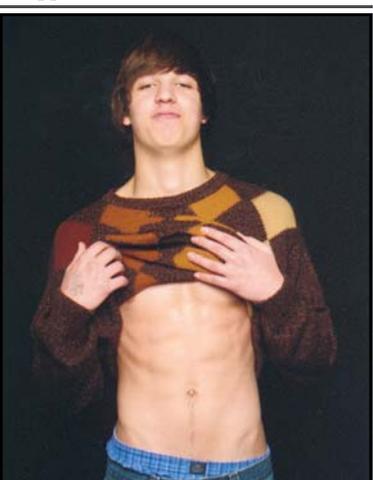


Birthdays

Belated birthday wishes for our beautiful older sister, **LaVerne Bottoms**, who celebrated her special day on April 12. We all get so busy with our day-to-day lives that we forget the special moments like wishing our beautiful older sister happy birthday. We all love you very much, and that is always on time. Love, brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.

Happy belated birthday to our **Yoshabell**, who turned Sweet 16 on April 11th. Love, Nana & Puppa.

Happy belated birthday to **Mitch Laughlin**, who celebrated the big 1-8 on April 28th. Love, Nana & Puppa.



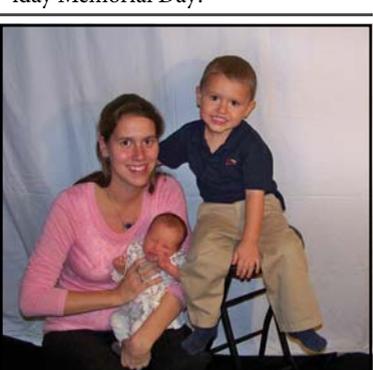
Happy birthday **John Harrington** who celebrates on May 27. Luv, Dad.

Happy birthday to **Petchiese C. King** on May 1. What a birthday, going on three grandchildren. Congratulations to me.

Happy birthday to **De E'tre** on May 10. With mad love from your Mama.

Birthday wishes to a granddaughter we thought we'd never see. Our family circle is now complete. We love you **Bedassige**, Nana & Puppa.

Happy birthday to me! Happy birthday to me! Jannan sings ... If you see **Tim Thomas** running around the Rez, his birthday is May 25th! Jannan J. Cornstalk stalking for over 50 winters now .. May 27th .. Yeah, it's going to be a national holiday Memorial Day!



Happy birthday Daddy/Grandpa, **Bart Gasco**, on May 11th! Hope you have an absolutely wonderful day!! You certainly deserve it!! See you soon Gramps!! © Love, Kentin, Audrey, Holly and Joe!!

Just wanted to say happy birthday to **Eddie Lalonde** on May 23. We love you. From your family and big brother.

Happy 55 Birthday **brother Dan** on May 21, you are officially a tribal senior citizen! Welcome to the club! - Have a great, safe birthday! Love - Michele and Greg.

Happy birthday to **Cindy Schuyler** on May 31. Hard to believe your "baby" is graduating this year and will be turning 18. Good thing your children and grandchildren keep you young! Have a great day! From your family up north.

Birthdays



Happy 1st birthday **Bedassige**. Love, Mumma & Daddy.

Happy birthday to Cuz **Pat Naganashe**, **Mary Powell**, **Tristan Hahn**, 1-year-old **Bedassige James**, 1-year-old **Sammie**, **Raymond Miller**, Cuz **John Bott**, **Jaelyn Shan-aquet**, **Nicole Laughlin** who turns 18, **Cheyanna King** and **Rowdy Dale Yates**. From Dorothy and Don Boda.

Happy birthday wishes to our **CoCo** May 21st. Hope you "win big" on your birthday! Love, Nana & Pup.

Happy birthday to **Uncle Pat Naganashe** on May 3rd. Love, your nieces, **Nicole**, **Josie** & **Bedassige**.

Hey, how are ya, hey, how are ya, hey, how are ya? A very happy birthday to **Uncle Barry** on May 3rd. Love, **Coley** & **Josie**.

Happy birthday to **Aunt Dorothy** on May 22nd! Love, **Nicole**, **Josie** & **Bedassige**.



Happy birthday!! © **DESTINY KELLY** (May 4) Look who's turning 9!! You're such a Beautiful, Loving Girl and a Great Role Model for your Lil Sister **GISEWE!** Gazaagin ... **MOM**, **BOBBY** and your **BROTHERS** and **SISTERS!** ©

Happy birthday goes out to **Uncle Mukwa/Leo** on May 7! Thanks for being such a great brother and uncle. We are all proud of your accomplishments. We love you foo!

Mno Dibishkaan to our **Ngaashi & Nokomis - Mary Keshick** on May 4th! Creator has blessed us well! Our cup runneth over! May you have many more Happy Birthdays to come ... gzaagigo (we love you)!!! Love, **Theresa**, **Michael**, **Jordan** & **Niibin**.

Happy birthday on May 5th to **Wayne Wilson**, the greatest son and brother anyone could ask for. We are so proud of the man you have become. Have the Happiest Birthday ever. We love you. Mom and Chris.

Happy birthday on May 17th to my **WONDERFUL HUSBAND AND BEST FRIEND**, the **GREATEST DAD EVER**, and the best **GRANDFATHER in the world**. We love you with all of our hearts, **Diane**, **John, Jr.**, and **Shelly**, **Blayne** and **Sara**, **Barry** and **Alisha**, **Ayana** and **Johnnie**, **Lilly** and **Ellie**, and **Maddison** and **Whitney**. And, **Cooper**, our yellow Lab. **WE LOVE YOU!!!**

Happy birthday to my niece - **Rebecca Prater** on May 29th. I hope your day is as special as you are © With love, Aunt Theresa.

Birthdays

Mno Dibishkaan to **John Keshick, Jr.**, on May 27th! Fish on!!! Your sis - T.

Happy 7th birthday to my **Mckenzie Louise** on May 31st! You are getting to be such a big girl! I love you more than 2 billion fuzzy bunnies and 457 trillion chipmunks! Love, Mom and Jesse.

Mno Dibishkaan to the twins in the family - **Marilyn Napont** and **Melvin Napont**, on May 15th. From your cousin **Theresa** ©

Happy birthday to **Kyle Michael Shomin** on May 9 and **Donald Shomin** on May 21. From the Michael Shomin family.

Wishing "Sue Bee" a very happy birthday from the family.



Happy birthday (May 10) **BIG-GIE KELLY!!** © Sweet 16!! How sweet it is ... We're Proud of you! Growing into such a Charming Young Man! Two more years, then off to the Marine Corp!! © Gazaagin .. **MOM**, **BOBBY** and Your **BROTHERS** and **SISTERS!!** ©

Happy birthday on May 5th, **Wayner**, love from **Grandma** and **Grandpa Petoskey**.

I would like to say a very special happy birthday to my wonderful father, **Dale Glazier**, who will be celebrating his 60th birthday on May 6th. Love you **Poppy**, you're the best Dad anyone could ever ask for! Love always, your one and only daughter **Valorie**.

Happy birthday to an awesome brother and uncle, **Bart Gasco**, on May 11, hope you have a great day! We love you, **Gina** and **Brittany**.

Happy birthday to a great nephew and cousin, **Wayne Wilson**, on May 5 ... We love you! Aunt **Gina** and **Brittany**.



Happy birthday to the best **Kokum/Nokomis** and **Mother!!!** You're the backbone to our family and have taught me how to be the best mom I could be. We appreciate you, and all you do for us, your family. Thank you for being a good mother and good **Kokum/Nokomis** to your kids and grandkids. Love you with all our hearts, **Heather**, **Joe**, **Maya**, and **Selse**.

Happy 19th birthday **Claus Nowell** on the 21st! From your family: We love you **Mouse-Man!**

Happy 32nd birthday to **David King** on May 10. We still chuckle when we remember the day you rolled down the steps at the house in Conway. Poor little boy! You didn't know whether to laugh or cry, but when everyone was laughing at you, you decided to laugh. Good thing children are resilient and bounce right back up! From the **King** and **VanDeCar** families.

Birthdays



Happy birthday **Cash!** Look who's 5!! You are such a sweet boy, especially when you are sleeping! We Love You **Grumpy Stripes!** © Love, Dad, **Alizabeth**, **Abigail**, **Hershey**, **Willow** and **YO' Momma**.

A very happy birthday to **Aunt Barb** on May 28. Love, **Coley** & **Josie**.

Happy 24th birthday **Alicia Nowell** on the 30th! From your family: We love you **Sissy!**

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Frank Anikwam**, a LTBB Tribal Citizen who was accepted to the **MSU College of Human Medicine**. He will be starting there in August 2013. He graduated from the **University of Michigan** in 2010 with a Bachelor's degree in **Biology** and took post-graduate



classes at **Wayne State University** in 2011 and 2012. He plans to pursue a Master's degree in **Public Health** and his doctorate in **Primary Care Physician/Family Medicine/Preventative Medicine**.

Congratulations to **Andi Gasco**, a senior pitcher, for throwing her second career no-hitter for the **Trine University softball team** in an 11-0 victory over **Defiance** on April 3, 2013. She threw a five-inning, complete game with three strikeouts. She threw her first career no-hitter against **Defiance** on March 28, 2012.

The **Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA)** named **Gasco** its **Pitcher of the Week** for games played through April 7, 2013. In compiling a 3-0 record for the week, she allowed only two hits and struck out 21 in 14 innings. In addition to her second career no-hitter, she threw a one-hitter, striking out eight in an 18-0 victory over **Kalamazoo** and threw a one-hitter, striking out 10 in a 34-0 victory over



Olivet. She also hit .818 (9-for-11) at the plate in doubleheader sweeps of **Kalamazoo** and **Olivet** with two

Congratulations

home runs, 11 runs batted in, 15 runs scored, three doubles and a triple. **Gasco**, a **LTBB Tribal Citizen** from **Levering, MI**, is the daughter of **Sue Gasco** and **Randy Searles** and the granddaughter of **Mary (Wemigwase) Gasco** and the late **Vernon Gasco**.

The photo of **Andi Gasco** appears courtesy of **Trine University Sports Information Director Brian Alden**.

Congratulations to **Bryan Pontiac**, a **LTBB Tribal Citizen** who played on the **Kane Construction men's ice hockey team**. He and his team played in the **Char-Em Adult Hockey Division 1 league** at **Griffin**



Arena in **Harbor Springs, MI**. **Kane Construction** finished second in the regular season and won the championship in the playoffs with a 4-1 record. It was the second year in a row that **Pontiac** played on a team which won the championship in the playoffs.

Congratulations on your graduation from **CMU Celestine Elizabeth Petoskey!** Proud of your perseverance and example to your children. Lots of love, Mom and Dad.

Congratulations to **Rachel Salvia**, a **LTBB Tribal Citizen**, on her invitation to the 2013 **U.S. Rowing Junior Women's National Team High Performance Camp!** She is one of approximately 29 rowers who received the invitation. The goal of this camp is to identify athletes with potential early in their rowing careers and put them in an environment where they can learn, grow and represent the



USA in suitably competitive domestic training and international racing opportunities. This will well position them to understand the process behind contending for a **World Championship**. She will be joining a group of high-achieving and highly motivated young women for a challenging but fun month of training and racing.

She has already won many competitions with her high school team, **Lake Brantley Rowing Association**:

- 2012 First Place 9th Grade Women's Southern Erg Sprints (2K) with a time of 7:35.1
- 2012 Girls Varsity 8+ Scholastic State Champions
- 2012 Women's Novice Most Valuable Rower
- 2013 First Place High School Women's Southern Erg Sprints (2K) with a time of 7:10.5

Rachel is working hard at improving her athleticism, and in fact, has already dropped her 2K score to 7:04.5. She hopes to continue her progress and fulfill her dream of representing the **USA!**

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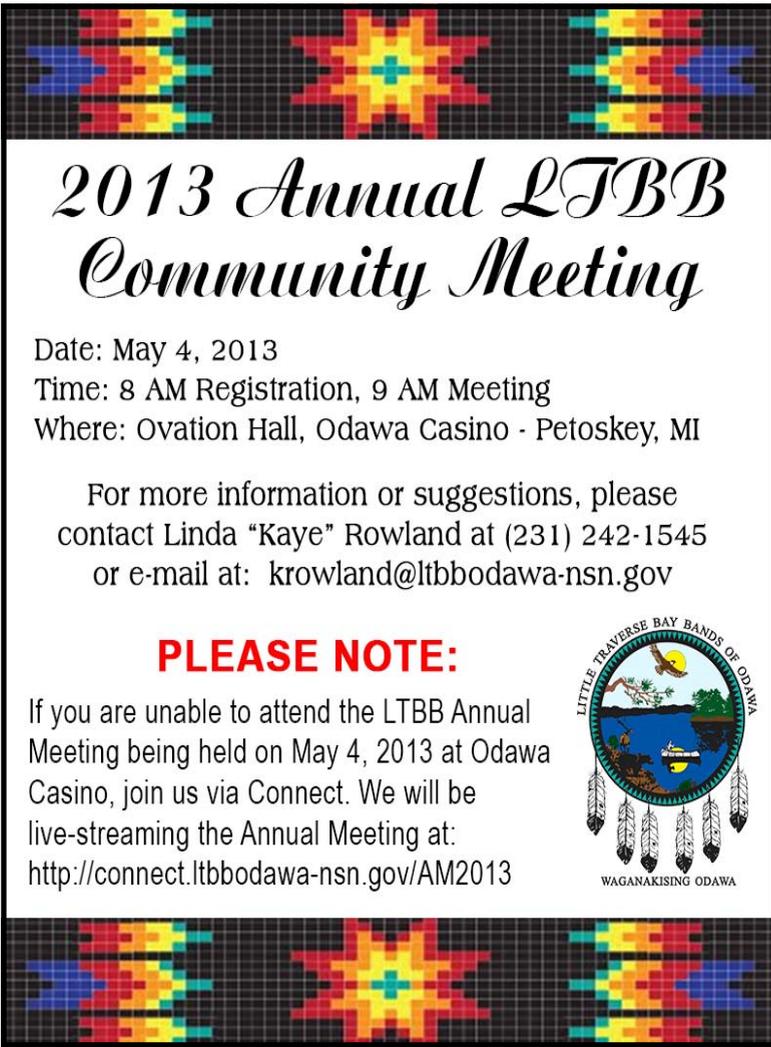
2013 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP/COMMUNITY MEETING

The Planning Committee for this year's Community Meeting would like input from the membership as to what you'd like to see or have at the meeting this year. Please e-mail any suggestions or comments to Chairperson Kaye Rowland at:

krowland@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Also, the committee has decided to do something new this year. We would like to acknowledge/honor the newborn members of the community. Children aged one year and under will be recognized when the meeting convenes after lunch. Please contact Jannan Cornstalk at:

jcornstalk@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov



2013 Annual LTBB Community Meeting

Date: May 4, 2013
 Time: 8 AM Registration, 9 AM Meeting
 Where: Ovation Hall, Odawa Casino - Petoskey, MI

For more information or suggestions, please contact Linda "Kaye" Rowland at (231) 242-1545 or e-mail at: krowland@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

PLEASE NOTE:
 If you are unable to attend the LTBB Annual Meeting being held on May 4, 2013 at Odawa Casino, join us via Connect. We will be live-streaming the Annual Meeting at:
<http://connect.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/AM2013>




LTBB has received a grant through the Administration for Native Americans. This grant allows our Tribal Citizens to live-stream Tribal Council Committee Meetings. You can join the Tribal Council Committees by logging in as a "guest" at:

Appropriation and Finance Committee
<http://connect.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/AFC/>

Gaming Authority
<http://connect.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/GamingAuthority/>

Legal and Legislative Committee
<http://connect.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/LLCMeeting/>

Land and Reservation Committee
<http://connect.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/LandandReservation/>

Dates and times of meetings will be posted on the LTBB website and in the Odawa Trails newsletter.
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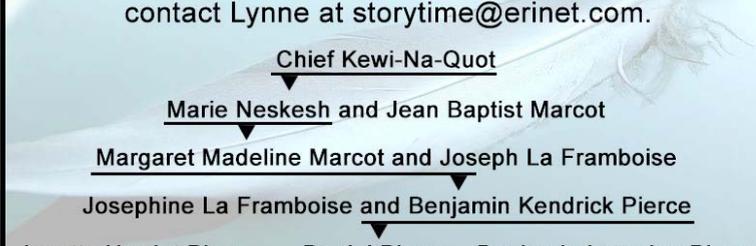
Save the Date

6th Annual LTBB Health Fair
Friday, August 9, 2013
At the Mina Mskiki Gumik Health Department
1250 Lears Road
Petoskey, MI 49770



Look for more information to come as we plan this annual fun, family event!

I am seeking information regarding my family's history. My family tree is shown below. I am a descendant of Daniel Pierce. If you have any information, please contact Lynne at storytime@erinet.com.



Chief Kewi-Na-Quot
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 Margaret Madeline Marcot and Joseph La Framboise
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Check out the Penumbra newsletter, created and edited by Pellston High School junior Julia Yates at www.odawatrails.com.

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Waas-no-de' Buffet

2013 Mother's Day Menu

Full Salad Bar
 Clam Chowder, Chicken Noodle and Fresh Vegetable
 Chilled Peel and Eat Shrimp with Cocktail Sauce
 Roast Prime Rib of Beef
 Hickory Smoked Ham Rum raisin sauce
 Cajun Fried Shrimp • Batter Fried Pollock
 Grilled Great Lakes Whitefish Almondine
 Grilled Breast of Chicken
 Roast Loin of Pork Natural Gravy and Apple Dressing
 Asparagus with Herbed Butter
 Cauliflower & Broccoli Au gratin
 Red Skin Mashed Potatoes • Baked Sweet Potatoes
 Grilled Salmon with Lemon Tarragon Butter
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SUPPORT FOR NATIVE ARTISTS

Editor's note: The following is a Native Arts and Cultures Foundation press release dated February 27, 2013.

American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian artists are encouraged to apply for the 2014 Native Arts and Cultures Foundation Artist Fellowships before May 3, 2013.

This unique national fellowship honors excellence by Native artists in six disciplines: Dance, filmmaking, literature, music, traditional arts and visual arts.

Ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000, the fellowships awarded by the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation (NACF) recognize the creativity and expression of exceptional Native artists who have made significant impact in the field. In past years, artists living in the Midwest, including Bobby Bullett (Chippewa), Brent Michael Davids (Mohican), Emily Johnson (Yupik), Bennie Klain (Navajo), Ronald Paquin (Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa) and Rosy Simas (Seneca) were honored with this award.

“Through the fellowship

NATIVE ARTS & CULTURES FOUNDATION

program, we hope to foster the creative voices of our indigenous artists,” said foundation Program Director Reuben Tomás Roqueñi (Yaqui/Mexican). “The Native Arts and Cultures Foundation believes in the beauty and inspiration of the work of Native artists, and the fellowships provide a significant resource for their practice.”

Artists who are members of federally and state-recognized U.S. tribes, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian communities can review criteria in full and apply by the May 3 deadline at: <http://nacf.us/2014-fellowships>. The foundation will announce award recipients in November 2013.

For questions and technical support, contact Program Direc-

tor Reuben Roqueñi at: reuben@nativeartsandcultures.org or 360-314-2421.

Since it was launched in 2009, the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation has awarded \$1,341,000 in grants to 72 Native artists and organizations in 20 states. In addition to awarding Native artist fellowships, NACF has funded organizations, including the American Indian Center of Chicago; the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries and Museums of Oklahoma City; the First People's Fund in Rapid City, SD; and the Northwoods Nijii Enterprise Community in Flambeau, WI. Created after decades of visioning among the nation's first peoples with the support of the Ford Foundation and others, NACF is a national charity solely dedicated to supporting the revitalization, appreciation and perpetuation of Native arts and cultures.

To learn more about the foundation's mission and past fellows awarded, please visit www.nativeartsandcultures.org.

Courtesy graphic.

Anniversary

Edward and Charlene (Byron) Burch are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on May 18, 2013. They have two children, Edward, Jr. (Shelley) and Shawna (Terry) Perysian and five grandchildren, Edward Burch III, Andrew Dratz, Jade Burch, Koleton Burch and Hailey Burch. Edward (Ed) is retired from White Lake Construction. Charlene (Chuckie) has been a homemaker for 50 years.



Congratulations



Congratulations to **Kenny Dewey**, a LTBB Tribal Citizen who received a People's Choice Award. Petoskey High School in Petoskey, MI, has been giving this award to students for the last three years. Petoskey Public Schools Indian Education Coordinator Matt Henning said he gave the award to Kenny because Kenny has a big heart.

Clarification

In the April 2013 issue of the *Odawa Trails* was an interview with Cherie R. Dominic, the newly hired staff of the Office of Citizens Legal Assistance (OCLA). The article made it appear that Cherie Dominic is a licensed attorney. Since Cherie Dominic is not yet licensed, LTBB has requested that her work for the OCLA be supervised by licensed attorneys at the Michigan Indian Legal Services.

JUST A REMINDER!

Deadline for 2013 Elders Food and Utility Reimbursement Program is December 21, 2013. The Food & Utility Reimbursement Application and guidelines are available online at: <http://tinyurl.com/foodandutilty>. If you have any questions, contact Joan Tepkeah Jacobs, Elders Program Assistant at 231-242-1423

PLEASE NOTE:

Utility bills turned in for reimbursement **MUST** show payment made in order to be eligible for reimbursement. Unpaid bills cannot be accepted.

253,705 SIGNATURES SUBMITTED TO PLACE WOLF HUNTING REFERENDUM ON 2014 BALLOT - MORE THAN 2,000 MICHIGAN VOLUNTEERS RALLIED TO GATHER SIGNATURES IN 67-DAY PERIOD

Editor's note: The following is a Keep Michigan Wolves Protected press release dated March 27, 2013.



LANSING, MI – Keep Michigan Wolves Protected submitted 253,705 signatures to the Secretary of State's office, that, when certified, will place any plans for a wolf hunting season on hold until Michigan voters decide the issue at the ballot box in November 2014. During a short, 67-day period, the coalition far surpassed the 161,305 valid signatures needed to qualify for the ballot.

“The public response over the past few months has been tremendous, and it demonstrates that Michigan voters in every corner of the state oppose the pointless trophy hunting of wolves,” said Jill Fritz, Director of Keep Michigan Wolves Protected. “Mounting a petition drive in the dead of winter and collecting a quarter of a million signatures in 67 days has been a monumental feat. We look forward to giving Michigan voters—not the politicians—the opportunity to decide whether to keep wolves protected or to allow sport hunting and trapping of these rare creatures just beginning to recover from the brink of extinction.”

Across the entire state, hundreds of thousands of Michiganders have spoken with their pens to tell legislators that they were wrong in approving a wolf hunting bill last December.

More than 2,000 Michigan residents volunteered for Keep Michigan Wolves Protected, a coalition of animal welfare groups, conservationists, veterinarians, Native American tribes and faith leaders — to gather signatures during sub-freezing temperatures. The volunteers participated in more than 700 events statewide, most of them outdoors.

By the time Keep Michigan Wolves Protected received approval for the wording by the Board of State Canvassers and printed petitions, the 90-day petition period prescribed by law had dwindled

down to only 67 days to complete the task. The most common response heard by signature gatherers — whether they were in Houghton, Marquette, Detroit, Kalamazoo, Petoskey or Lansing — was “thank you for being here and speaking up for our wolves.”

Once submitted, the Board of State Canvassers has 60 days, with an option of 15 additional days, to determine if the petitions contain enough valid signatures. If so, implementation of Public Act 520, the wolf hunting law, will be suspended pending the outcome of the November 2014 vote.

Wolves have been protected in Michigan for almost 50 years after being hunted to the brink of extinction. After more than four decades of protection, there are fewer than 700 wolves in Michigan. Despite the wolf population's fragile status, the Michigan legislature rushed a bill through last year's session authorizing a sport hunting season for wolves — opening the door to the same practices that virtually eradicated their population in the first place.



It's already legal in Michigan to kill wolves in order to protect livestock or dogs, making a sport hunting and trapping season unnecessary. People don't eat wolves, and it's just pointless trophy hunting for no good purpose. Wolf hunting may involve especially cruel and unfair practices such as painful steel-jawed leg hold traps, hunting over bait, and even using packs of dogs to chase down and kill wolves.

Michigan residents interested in volunteering, donating or learning more about the issue can visit KeepWolvesProtected.com.

The photo of LTBB Tribal Citizen Jannan J. Cornstalk holding her “NO WOLF HUNT!” sign is by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar. Courtesy photo.

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